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# 実は私は I am...

## Story&Character

ストーリー&キャラクター

吸血鬼である秘密がバレたら学校を辞めることになる白神葉子に恋をした黒峰朝陽。
白神の秘密をなんとか守りつつ学生生活を送り、ついに告白をし白神と付き合うことが出来た
念願の彼女が出来た朝陽はこのまま無事秘密を守り切り学校を卒業出来るのか…!?

『アナザル』

### 黒峰 朝陽
（くろみね・あさひ）

隠しごとができないことから、周囲に「穴の開いたザル（アナザル）」と呼ばれている。白神さんに告白をし付き合うことになったが…!?

『実は吸血鬼』

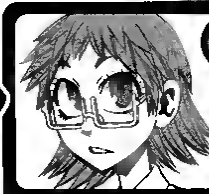
### 白神 葉子
（しらがみ・ようこ）

自分の正体がばれたら退学する条件で人間の高校に通っている。吸血鬼であることをなんとか隠しながら学生生活を送っている。
朝陽と付き合っている。

『実は宇宙人』

### 藍澤 渚
（あいざわ・なぎさ）

クラスの委員長として地球を調査中。朝陽の想いを感じ取り、告白される前に断った過去がある。現在は朝陽のことは…!?頭部のネジ型コックピットに本体が搭乗。兄【藍澤 凛】も地球滞在中。



『外道クイーン』

### 朱美 みかん
（あけみ・みかん）

新聞部部長。朝陽の幼馴染。
愛用の眼鏡が『福の神 フクちゃん』になった。
朝陽の嫁の座を狙っている。

『小悪魔』

### 紅本 茜
（こうもと・あかね）

朝陽たちの高校の校長。
見た目はロリだが実は幾千年を生きる悪魔。
朝陽たちのクラス担任、紅本先生の高祖母。
お菓子に目がない。

『元ヤンキー』

### 紅本 明里
（こうもと・あかり）

朝陽たちの高校のクラス担任。
校長である茜の末裔だが悪魔の力は無い。
ヤンキーだった過去がある。独身。

実は狼男

紫々戸 獅狼
(ししど・しろう) ♂

紫々戸 獅穂
(ししど・しほ) ♀

白神さんの幼馴染で痴女。
月を見ると狼男・紫々戸獅狼に変身する。
獅狼は白神さんが好き。
母親がカリスマ痴女。

実は吸血鬼

白神 源二郎
(しらがみ・げんじろう) ♂

緑苑坂 弓
(りょくえんざか・ゆみ) ♀

純粋な吸血鬼で白神さんの父親。
白神さんのことが心配で緑苑坂先生の姿に変身し朝陽たちのクラスの副担任として学校に潜り込んでいる。

実は未来人

黄龍院 凛
(きりゅういん・りん)

痴女に支配された世界を変えるために未来からやって来た。未来のことを朝陽たちに話したため帰宅難民化。朝陽の孫。

実は堕天使

銀 華恋
(しろがね・かれん)

朝陽たちが通う学校の生徒会長。
校長のイタズラで天使の輪を無くしたことで堕天使になった。白神さんの両親と同級生。

実は忍者

桃地 結香
(ももち・ゆか)

朝陽たちの通う学校の1年生。
ものすごく惚れっぽい。
何やら未来のことを知っている様子で…!?

実はサキュバス

水奈川 咲
(みながわ・さき)

朝陽たちの通う学校の1年生。
カリスマ痴女に奪われたサキュバス一族の誇りを取り戻すため奮闘中。

# 実は私は 17

I am...

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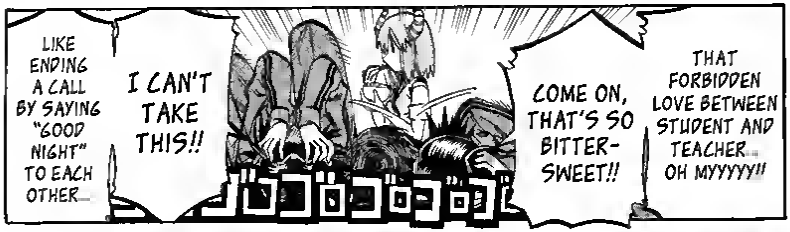
OH, AND SAKURA-DA.
UNTIL YOU GRADUATE, WE'RE JUST TEACHER AND STUDENT, OKAY?
SO NO GOING OUT WITH JUST THE TWO OF US UNTIL THEN.
AND YOU ALSO HAVE YOUR EXAMS.
I DON'T WANT TO GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR EXAMS.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO MEDDLE IN YOUR STUDIES EITHER.
LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY: AKALYN QUEST, BRIDE IN THE SKY.
YEAH, WE'LL DRAW THE LINE AND DO THIS RESPONSIBLY.
YEAH... EXACTLY.
GOOD NIGHT.

WHOOOOOOOOOAA!
I FINALLY HAVE A BOYFRIEND!!


LIKE ENDING A CALL BY SAYING "GOOD NIGHT" TO EACH OTHER...
I CAN'T TAKE THIS!!
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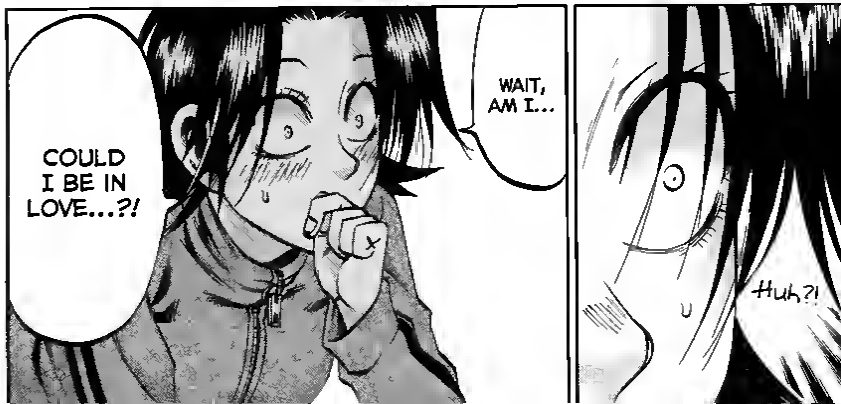
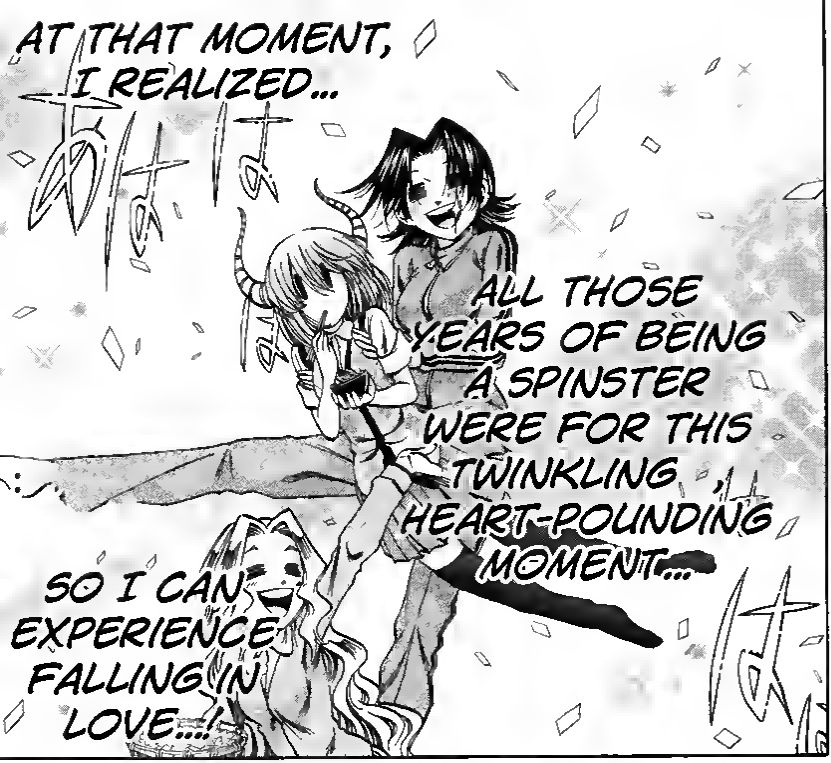
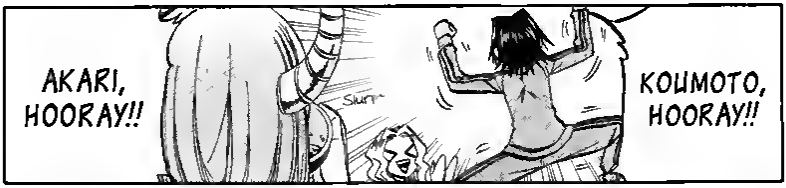
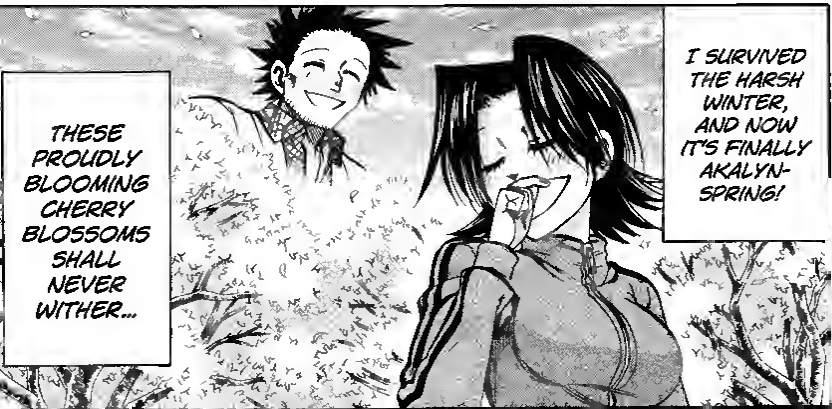
COME ON, THAT'S SO BITTER-SWEET!!
THAT FORBIDDEN LOVE BETWEEN STUDENT AND TEACHER... OH MYYYYY!!


COULD I BE IN LOVE...?!
WAIT, AM I...
Huh?!


AT THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED...
ALL THOSE YEARS OF BEING A SPINSTER WERE FOR THIS TWINKLING, HEART-POUNDING MOMENT...
SO I CAN EXPERIENCE FALLING IN LOVE...!


AKARI, HOORAY!!
Slurp
KOUMOTO, HOORAY!!


THESE PROUDLY BLOOMING CHERRY BLOSSOMS SHALL NEVER WITHER...
I SURVIVED THE HARSH WINTER, AND NOW IT'S FINALLY AKALYN-SPRING!

CHAPTER 143:
"LET'S GET KOUMOTO-SENSEI BACK!"
SO, AKARI. A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHER AND STUDENT...
NOW, WHAT IS THE PRINCIPAL TO THINK ABOUT THIS...?
AFTER SCREWING ME OVER SO MANY TIMES, NOW YOU START ACTING LIKE A REAL PRINCIPAL...!!
WHAT, SERIOUSLY?!
AKANE?! WHAT'S WRONG?!
HMPH. SILLY SPINSTER, GETTING OVER HER HEAD!!
NOT A BIG DEAL, YOUR SPINSTER EYES JUST CAN'T SEE CLEARLY BECAUSE YOUR HEAD IS IN THE CLOUDS
YES... I WON'T LET...

MY PLAY-THING BE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME SO EASILY!!
ONCE AGAIN,
CON-GRATU-LATIONS ON YOUR CONFESSION, SAKURA-SAN!!
Y'KNOW, WITH YOURS TRULY ON BOARD, THERE NEVER WAS ANY DOUBT ABOUT HOW IT WOULD TURN OUT.
FUFU, THANK YOU.
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU GUYS, AND FOR EVERYONE ELSE IN THE CLASS TO REPAY YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT... WE HELPED OUT BECAUSE WE WANTED TO.
WELL, IF YOU REALLY INSIST, YOU COULD ARRANGE A GROUP DATE OR TWO FOR ME...
TO THINK YOU REALLY WON AGAINST KOUMOTO-SENSEI.
WHAT A SUR-PRISE.
AH, BUT I GUESS I DON'T WANT YOU TO INTRODUCE KOUMOTO-SENSEI'S FRIEND TO ME—.
SHI-MA...
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO, OKA-KUN?

TO BE HONEST, I STILL THINK THE IMPOSSIBLE IS IM-POSSIBLE.
I THINK THAT YOU DEFEATING KOUMOTO-SENSEI IS JUST A FLUKE.
IT'S JUST THAT...
APPAR-ENTLY, SUCH MIRACULOUS "FLUKES"
CAN HAPPEN FROM TIME TO TIME.
I SEE.
I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.
THAT'S WHAT WAS ON MY MIND.

IT JUST APPEARED FROM THE GROUND, AND WHEN THE FESTIVAL ENDED, IT ALL WENT BACK TO NORMAL.
AND WHAT ABOUT THAT CASTLE, MAN?
SHE GREW WINGS TOWARDS THE END, TOO.
ANYWAY, I WONDER WHAT THOSE HORNS KOUMOTO-SENSEI WAS WEARING WERE?

WHAT WAS THE PRINCIPAL THINKING?
FORGET HIDING SECRETS, IT'S LIKE SHE WAS TRYING TO REVEAL EVERY-THING...
F-FIGURES... LAST YEAR WAS SUS-PICIOUS TOO,
BUT COMPARED TO THIS YEAR, THAT WAS NOTHING...

BUT
IN THAT CASE, WHAT...?
FROM WHAT LITTLE INTER-ACTION I HAD WITH THE PRINCIPAL,
I CAN'T THINK OF HER AS SOME-ONE WHO'D DO SUCH THINGS WITHOUT A REASON.
NO...

WHAT'S SHE SCHEMING?
IF I'D GOTTEN SERIOUS, I COULD HAVE MADE AN EVEN MORE AMAZING CASTLE!!
THERE'S NO WAY I'D LOSE AGAINST THAT STUPID FAKE-BUDDHA BEARDY KID!!
BLAAAH!
YEAH!! ME LOSING AGAINST SAKURADA MUST HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF...
I DON'T CARE IF YOU WATCHED L*PUTA ON FRIDAY!!
HOW ARE YOU GONNA COVER UP A FLYING CASTLE?!
MY EYES, MY EYE-EEES!!
AKANE!! YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T HANDLE LIQUOR AND AKARI, CALM DOWN A BIT!!
AKANE HAD HER REASONS, YOU KNOW!!
REA-SONS?

BEFORE THE FESTIVAL, SHE TOLD ME.
THAT SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF SAKURADA IS WORTHY OF YOU.
THAT SHE'LL MEASURE HIS WORTH.
"SHE'S MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD, AFTER ALL!"
EH,
I WAS JUST LYING, THOUGH.
PRIN-CI-PAL...
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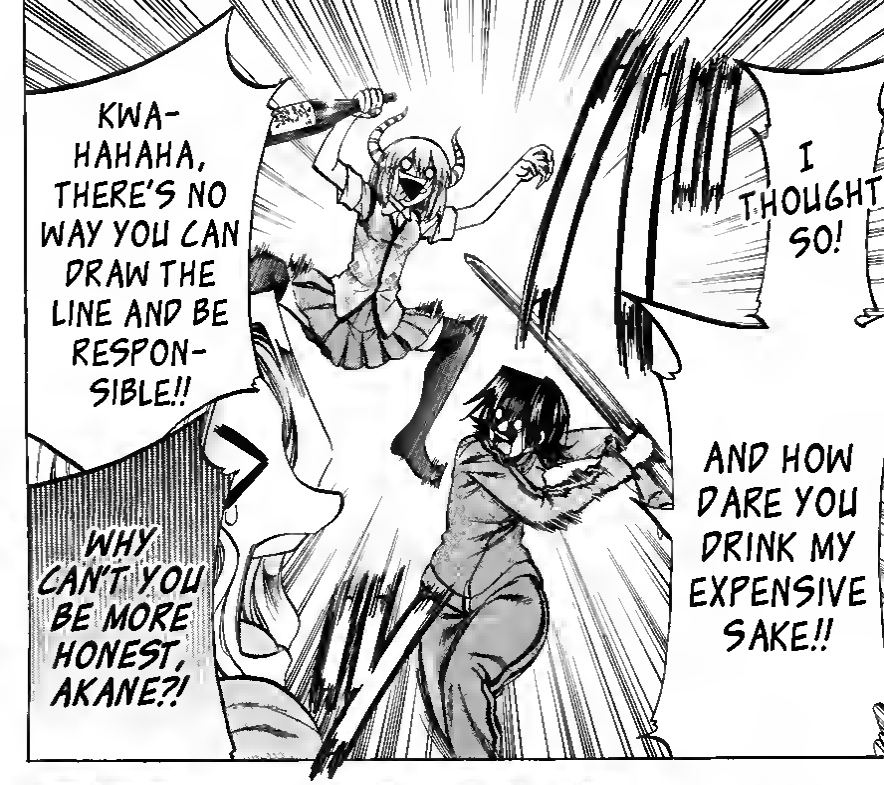
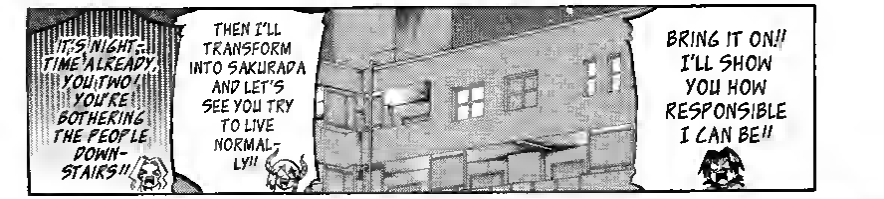

KWA-HAHAHA, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN DRAW THE LINE AND BE RESPON-SIBLE!!
I THOUGHT SO!
WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE HONEST, AKANE?!
AND HOW DARE YOU DRINK MY EXPENSIVE SAKE!!


IT'S NIGHT-TIME ALREADY, YOU TWO! YOU'RE BOTHERING THE PEOPLE DOWN-STAIRS!!
THEN I'LL TRANSFORM INTO SAKURADA AND LET'S SEE YOU TRY TO LIVE NORMAL-LY!!
BRING IT ON!! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW RESPONSIBLE I CAN BE!!

I SEE.
SO SAKURA-SAN AND KOU-MOTO-SENSEI HAD THAT KIND OF HISTORY...
YES..
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU EARLIER.
BZZZZT
BZZZZT
BZZZZT
BZZZZT
BZZZZT
BZZZZT

THAT I WAS ABLE TO TELL HER EVERY-THING!
IT'S THANKS TO YOU
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL.
AND THAT'S WHY
SO KOUMOTO-SENSEI'S SMILE SAVED YOU... HUH.
YEP.
EVERY-ONE HAS SECRETS
SOME TIMES THAT CAN ENVELOP THEIR HEARTS IN SHADOW.
BUT SOME-TIMES THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SAVES YOU
WHEN SOMEONE FACES THE REAL YOU... WITH...
WHILE HELPING OUT WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL,
AND GETTING INVOLVED WITH MANY PEOPLE'S SECRETS, THERE'S ONE THING I REALIZED

WITH A SINGLE SMILE
GOOD MORNING, SAKURA-DAA...!!
I'LL FIX IT!! IT'LL BE OKAY ONCE I FIX IT, RIGHT?!
WHAT?! WHERE DID I MESS UP?!
It was fine!!
LISTEN. AKARI? WHAT WE CALL BEING RESPONSIBLE, IS...
YOU SHOULD REALLY STOP DRINKING...
HAH! IS SAKURADA REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?! I BET YOU WOULD'VE BEEN FINE WITH ANY GUY!!
SHADDAP, I TOLD YA I'LL GET IT! I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR SAKURA-DA...
GIVE UP, YOU'LL NEVER GET IT RIGHT!!

I MEAN, THEY'RE TEACHER AND STUDENT...
BUT WILL IT REALLY BE OKAY...?
SAKURA-SAN WANTED TO SAY THANKS, YOUKO-SAN.
YEAH.
AND DON'T YOU THINK SHE'S THE ONE WHO WANTS KOUMOTO-SENSEI TO BE HAPPY MOST OF ALL...?
I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE. THE PRINCIPAL IS STILL, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, AN ADULT.
AND I DON'T THINH AHANE-CHAN WILL ACCEPT THEIR RE-LATIONSHIP SO EASILY...
AKARI IS MY PLAY-THING!!
I'LL NEVER ACCEPT IT!!
NO WAY, I'M SURE SHE'S SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
I'LL NEVER ACCEPT IT!! AKARI IS MY PLAY-THING!!
HAHA, NO WAY.

I'LL NEVER ACCEPT IT!!
AKARI IS MY PLAY-THING!!

I COULD NEVER ACCEPT A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A STUDENT AND A TEACHER! GOT ANY COUNTER-ARGUMENTS FOR THAT?!
YOU TWO HAD WAY TOO MUCH TO DRINK!!
WHO'S YOUR PLAY-THING?!

OH MY... YOU'RE STILL SUCH A KID IF I HAVE TO TELL YOU ALL THESE THINGS, AKARI...
GIVE UP! GIVE UP!!
YOU'RE JUST TOO EXCITED ABOUT HAVING A BOYFRIEND, THAT'S ALL!!

Nnngg
FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE A BEGINNER WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE.
IF IT WAS AT LEAST SOMEONE WHO'S IN YOUR LEAGUE...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN PULL OFF A ROMANCE WITH SOMEONE FROM SUCH A DIFFERENT SOCIAL STANDING.

WAIT, WHY AM I LASHING OUT LIKE THIS?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER TO ME WHO AKARI IS GOING OUT WITH...?!
Huh?!
OH, RIGHT, AKARI IS MY PLAYTHING, AND I CAN'T LET ANYONE TAKE HER...!!
.....
OF COURSE I KNOW THAT A RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN A TEACHER AND A STUDENT IS IFFY...
R-RIGHT?!?
IN THAT CASE...
BUT YOU KNOW,
IF SOMEONE FACES ME SO SERI-OUSLY LIKE THAT...

I FELT I HAD TO ANSWER
NOT AS A TEACHER, BUT AS A WOMAN.
I DON'T REGRET IT.
IF YOU WANT TO FIRE ME, I WON'T OBJECT.
FOR ONCE, YOU'RE ACTUALLY IN THE RIGHT...

H-HUH...?! PRINCI-PAL?!
AKARI, PLEASE UNDER-STAND HER FEELINGS.
DEEP INSIDE, AKANE HAS ACCEPTED IT.
SHE JUST FEELS A BIT LONELY...

I FINAL-LY...
えーん
I FINALLY MADE 12 EPISODES OF MAGICAL ☆AKALYN MIDDLE-AGED MAGICAL GIRL
BUT IF AKARI GETS A GUY, IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING!!

EVEN AT THE STAFF MEETING THEY SAID SAKURADA WILL GRADUATE ANYWAY
AND THAT WE CAN KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT IF YOU TWO BEHAVE YOUR-SELVES
BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE "LOOKING FOR BIG GUYS" APPLICATIONS I SENT TO EVERY MARRIAGE AGENCY I COULD FIND?!
NOT LIKE ANYONE ANSWERED, THOUGH!!
AND WHAT ABOUT UPDATING THE AKARI LEGENDS HOME-PAGE?!

TAKE THAT. (LOL)

DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF, SPINSTER!! YOU'RE NOT MARRIED YET!!
SHADDAP! I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN DRAW THE LINE AND BE RESPONSIBLE!!
WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE HONEST ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL, AKANE?!
I WILL BECOME HAPPY, YOU'LL SEE!!
THE SPARK WILL DISAPPEAR SOON, AND THEN YOU'RE BACK TO BEING SINGLE!!
BZZZT

RAWS SLW
TL ROTTEN PANTSU
PR TSUNTSUN
TS TARAGE
CL DJIDANEZOKAWA
RD HOUND/FCKYEAHLAMIA
QC BEANSIE



PRETTYANONYMOUS

THANK YOU VERY MUUUCH!!
STAND!
BOW!
LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
AND I THOUGHT I'D DIE AS A SPINSTER.
わい
WE'RE LEAVING NOW, ASAHI!
AH, RIGHT, YOU HAD SOMETHING TO DO.
SEE YOU TOMORROW!!
I HAVE CRAM SCHOOL...
WANNA HANG OUT SOMEWHERE?
AAHHH!
AND ANOTHER HARD DAY OVER!!
YOUKO-SAN, YOU WANNA STAY HERE TO STUDY?
HMM... I NEED TO UNWIND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE...
ASAHI, YOU SHOULD COME PICK UP GIRLS WITH ME...
SHIRAGAMI-SAN, SHIRAGAMI-SAN!

わいわい
WE'RE HAVING A PARTY CELEBRATING THE END OF THE SPORTS FEST.
HOW ABOUT YOU COME WITH US?!
わいわい
KURO-MINE-KUN CAN COME TOO!
WHAT? I'M COMING TOO, THEN!! I WON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD, I SWEAR!!
I DON'T MIND, BUT... HM? OKA-KUN HAS LEFT ALREADY?
WHO NEEDS THAT GUY!! I'M MORE THAN ENOUGH!!
WHAT...
YOU'RE INVIT-ING MEEE?!
AH...
SORRY, IF YOU CAN'T, IT'S FINE.
I CAN!! I'M COMING!! I'D LOVE TO!!

# CHAPTER 144: "LET'S GET ALONG WITH OUR CLASSMATES!"

カラオケ
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DRINK?
HMPH! I'LL DRINK...
A MELON SODA FOR ME!!
YOU'RE NOT USUALLY THIS ANXIOUS AROUND PEOPLE.
I'M A BIT SURPRISED.
N-n-n-n-not-at-all_?
...YOUKO-KUN, YOU ARE PRETTY TENSE, NO?
AIZAWA-SAN, SHIRA-GAMI-SAN, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ME? I WILL HAVE SOME MINERAL WATER, PLEASE.
ERR, I, I WILL DRINK TOMATO JUICE!!
HAHA! DON'T BE SO STIFF, YOU CAN TALK IN KANSAI-BEN, YOU KNOW?
WAH?!
ERR, YEAH, SORRY!

ACTUALLY, WE'VE BEEN THINKING OF GETTING CLOSER TO YOU FOR A WHILE, SHIRAGAMI-SAN.
LAST YEAR YOU WERE KINDA HARD TO APPROACH, BUT NOW YOU SEEM TOTALLY FINE!
YEP! AND THE END OF THE SPORTS FEST WAS A GOOD CHANCE, SO, YOU KNOW...
OH... I SEE, THANK YA!
IT'S A PLEASURE, INABA-SAN, MATSU-MOTO-SAN, SASAKI-SAN!!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU'VE CHANGED TOO, AIZAWA-SAN.
D-DO YOU THINK SO? I HADN'T QUITE NOTICED IT, MYSELF ..
YOU'RE MUCH MORE RELAXED/ COMPARED TO BEFORE...
Whisper
SO... SORRY, ASAHI-KUN.
Whisper
COMIN' HERE MIGHT BE DANGER-OUS FOR MY SECRET, BUT...
YA KNOW...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU WANTED TO COME, RIGHT?
...INABA-SAN IS RIGHT.
A YEAR AGO, THIS WOULD'VE BEEN HARD TO IMAGINE.

THAT'S DEFINITELY A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.
SHE'S LEARNED TO BE MORE OPEN, EVEN WITH UNFAMILIAR PEOPLE.
SHE'S BEEN ISOLATING HERSELF TO KEEP HER SECRET...
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT
SHE'S LIVING THE LIFESTYLE SHE ALWAYS DREAMED OF.
SO YOU'RE AIMING FOR TOUOU-DAI...
YEP, BUT I'M STILL FAR FROM BEING AN "A" STUDENT.
AHAHA, ME TOO! MAKES YOU UNEASY, RIGHT?
.....
..SHE'S LESS STRESSED THAN EARLIER, IT SEEMS..
IT'S GOOD THAT SHE CAN REALLY ENJOY HERSELF.
BUT IF WE'RE GONNA SING, HOW IS SHE GONNA HIDE HER FANGS...

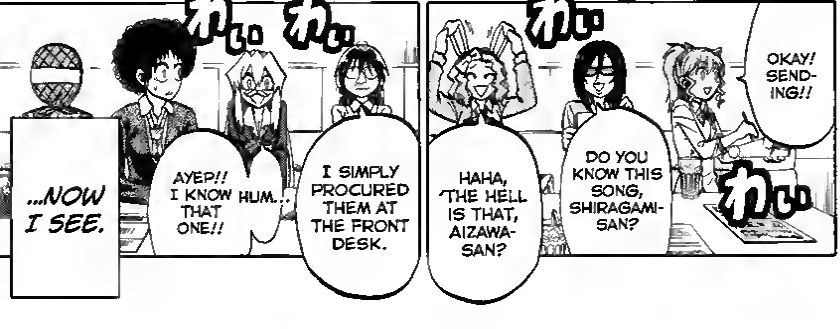
パタパタパタ
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE GONE OUT FOR KARAOKE, ACTUALLY.
I'm kinda excited
OH! YOU TOO, YOUKO-KUN?
AH, IS THAT SO?
HMM, SO YOU TOUCH THE SCREEN AND...
パタパタパタ
THAT... THAT WAS CLOSE...!!
It's nothing!
SHIMA CAN TOTALLY SEE YOUKO-SAN'S BACK FROM THERE...
HE. HE DIDN'T SEE THEM.. RIGHT?
ASAHI... DON'T TELL ME...!!
SAY, ASAHI, WHAT KIND OF SONG WOULD MAKE THEM ALL FALL FOR M...
WI-
-
-
-
-
IN6?!
A-ASAHI-KUN?!
WHAT'S WRONG, KUROMINE ASAHI?!

I SHOULD PROPOSE THAT INSTEAD OF USING THE MIC...
THEY USE ME AS A SINGING PROP...?!
ARE YOU... A GEN-IUS?!
THANK GOD SHIMA IS A GENIUS IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN!!

BUT I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THOSE...
WHAT? SHE'S ALREADY FOLDED THEM?
SO SHE NOTICED HERSE-...
Bzz
Bzz
CLASS REP...
WORRY NOT, KUROMINE ASAHI. LEAVE SUP-PORTING YOUKO-KUN TO ME.

LET US OVERCOME THIS SITUATION TOGETHER...
AS YOUKO-KUN'S FRIEND... I SHALL HELP HER DEFEND HER SECRET!!
THANKS, NAGISA-CHAN.
Whisper
Whisper
I'll be careful
...I KNOW HOW YOU ARE. YOU'RE PROBABLY RELUCTANT TO RELY ON ME...
BUT YOU SHOULD NOT BE.

AND ENJOY THIS PARTY AS WE SHOULD!!
CHEERS!!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...NOW I SEE.
AYEP!! I KNOW HUM... THAT ONE!!
I SIMPLY PROCURED THEM AT THE FRONT DESK.
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HAHA, THE HELL IS THAT, AIZAWA-SAN?
DO YOU KNOW THIS SONG, SHIRAGAMI-SAN?
OKAY! SEND-ING!!
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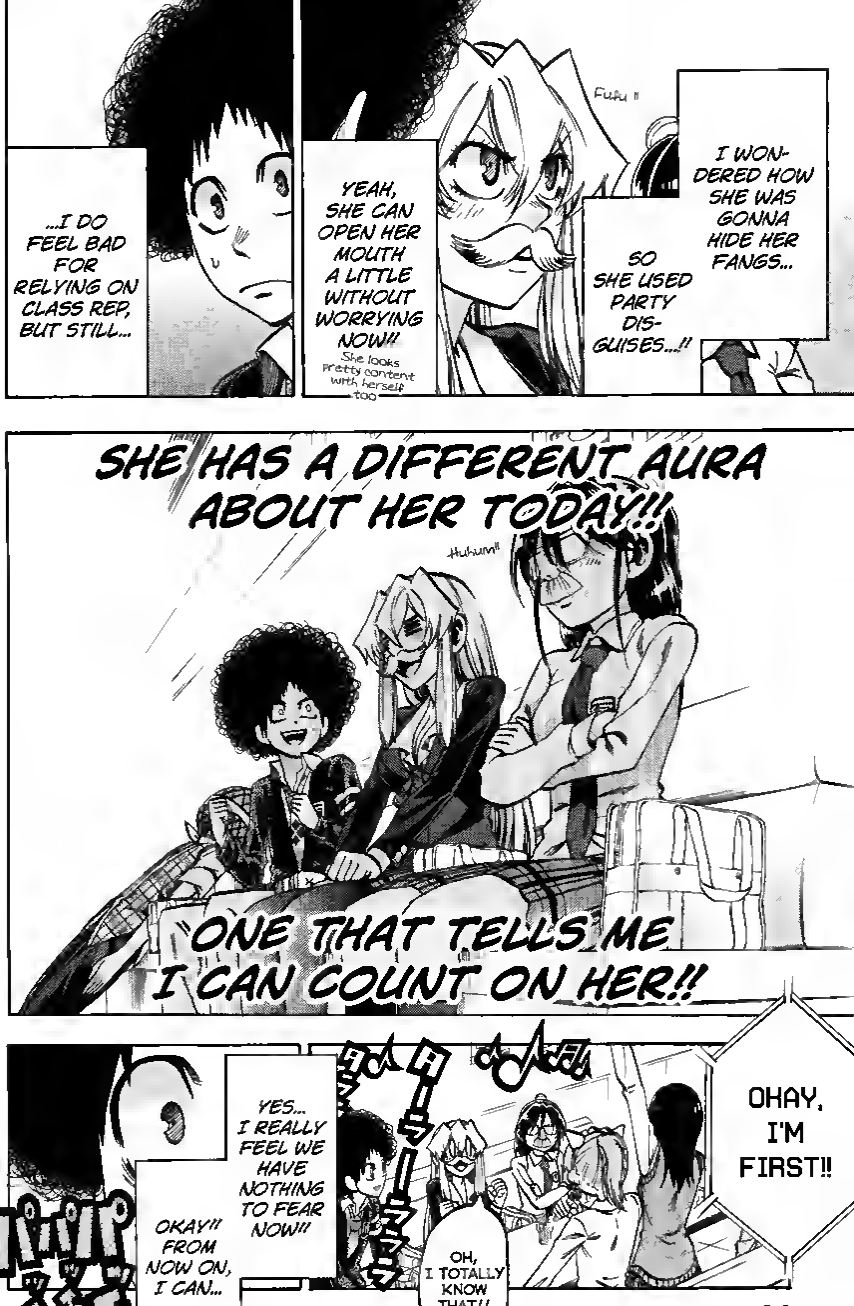
...I DO FEEL BAD FOR RELYING ON CLASS REP, BUT STILL...
YEAH, SHE CAN OPEN HER MOUTH A LITTLE WITHOUT WORRYING NOW!!
She looks pretty content with herself too
Fufu !!
I WONDERED HOW SHE WAS GONNA HIDE HER FANGS...
SO SHE USED PARTY DISGUISES...!!
SHE HAS A DIFFERENT AURA ABOUT HER TODAY!!
Huhum!!
ONE THAT TELLS ME I CAN COUNT ON HER!!
OKAY, I'M FIRST!!
OH, I TOTALLY KNOW THAT!!
YES... I REALLY FEEL WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR NOW!!
OKAY!! FROM NOW ON, I CAN...
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ENJOY MYSELF WITHOUT...
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YAAAAAY!!
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COME ON!! ARE YOU FIRED UP YET?!
COME ON, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE DEJECTED I'VE GOT TO WARN THEM!!
BUT... IF I DO, THEY MIGHT CRY OUT AT A WEIRD MOMENT!
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R... RIGHT! I KNOW THIS SONG TOO!!
AND THE~N YOU~ SHI~NE
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OKAY!! I MUST E-MAIL THEM... NOW!!
Sent!

MIR-
ACLE
SOUL!!
AND THERE YOU GO!!
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YE-EEEE-EEEE-AAAA-AAAA-AH?!
YOUKO-SAN, WINGS! CLASS REP, SCREW!!

AND CLASS REP SHOULD BE FINE TOO... I THINK!!
AH, YOU WANNA GO FIRST?
THIS SONG IS SUCH A SOB-FEST...
OH, I'M NEXT!!

WELL, I GUESS YOUKO-SAN WON'T LET HER WINGS OUT AGAIN.
PHEW
ERR, BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT!!
WHAT'S THIS FEELING... IT FEELS AMAZING WHEN A PLAN GOES THIS SMOOTHLY!

SORRY TO INTRUDE~.
WE HAVE FRIED POTATOES, AND...
HOW WOULD ANY VAMPIRE WEAKNESSES POP UP IN A KARAOKE, ANYWAY?
GARLIC CHIPS.
SO YOU SEE...
SHIRA-GAMI-SAN...
THE WATERWORKS?!
SHIRA-GAMI-SAN?! WHAT'S WRONG?!
No-thin'
YOUKO-KUN?! HANG IN THERE, YOUKO-KUN!!
ERR, I MEAN, IT'S A SAD SONG, SURE...
BUT REALLY?!
KARAOKE MADE HER CRY?!
AH... I SEE. YOUKO-SAN'S VAMPIRE-NESS HAS INCREASED.
THAT MEANS GARLIC DOESN'T JUST MAKE HER EYES STING ANY-MORE!!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S GONNA BE OUTED BECAUSE OF THAT...
BUT THAT MAY MAKE IT HARDER TO GET ALONG WITH HER CLASS-MATES...!!
I HAVE... I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING!!

...SHIRAGAMI-SAN, THE TRUTH IS...
Yeah, it's that beautiful artistic soul of mine...
YES!! SHE IS INDEED!!
YOU'RE VERY EMOTIONAL, AREN'T YOU, SHIRAGAMI-SAN...
ON THE DAY I BROKE UP WITH MY BOY-FRIEND...
THIS IS THE SONG THAT WAS PLAYING...
SHE'S REAWAKENED SOME OF THE DARKNESS IN HER CLASS-MATE'S HEART?!
OH... RIGHT!! I NEED TO GET RID OF THE GARLIC CHIPS, FAST!!
I DON'T QUITE GET IT, BUT IT ENDED WELL, SOMEHOW!!
SASAKI-SAN THAT'S BECAUSE I'M VERY EMOTIONAL!!
SHIRAGAMI-SAN. HOW CAN I SAY IT...
THANK YOU!!

ALRIGHT!! ALL IS SAFE NOW!!
VAMPIRES NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING TO FEAR!!
THE TEARS OF A BROKEN HEART? PATHETIC AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A HEROINE!
BUT DON'T WORRY SASAKI-SAN THAT BREAK-UP, I'M GONNA LAUGH IT OFF FOR YOU!!
THE CROSS OF LOVE
LISTEN!! THIS IS "THE CROSS OF LOVE"!!
SHIMAAAAAA!!
I'VE RUN OUT OF WORDS, SHIMAAA!!
AT THIS POINT, I CAN'T EVEN TELL
IF HER EXPRESSION HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CROSS!!
SHE'S COMPLETELY IN SYNC WITH EVERYONE ELSE!
AND WHY ARE YOU STILL SINGING AT A TIME LIKE THIS, SHIMA?!
BUT... AT THIS RATE, IT MIGHT REALLY...

SORRY, FOLKS, I'M A BIT LATE!
BUT WE CAN'T DO KARAOKE WITHOUT THESE, NOW CAN WE?!
バクバク
バク
ALLOW ME TO HELP MYSELF!!
BEFORE HER WINGS COME OUT
AKEMI-SAN?! ARE THOSE THE NEW PROTOTYPE RUSSIAN...

AH!
RIGHT, SHIRAGAMI-SAN!! CAN I ASK FOR YOUR ADDRESS?
OH YEAH!! GIVE ME YERS TOO!!
Aaaaaaaa
Aaaaah
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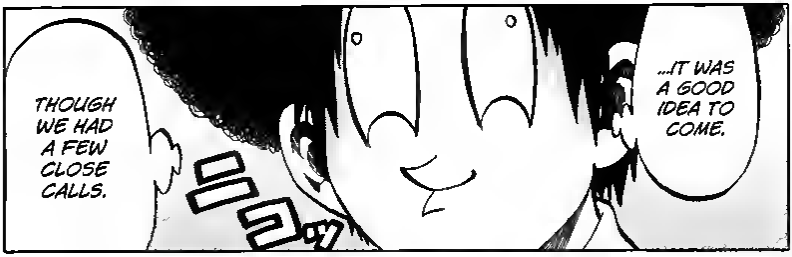


AT THAT MOMENT... WHY...

DID I NOT STOP HER?

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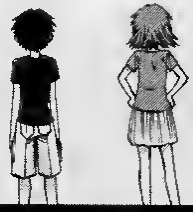
...I FELT EVERY-ONE'S HEART SUDDENLY BECOME ONE
"WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET, NO MATTER WHAT" WE THOUGHT.
BECAUSE THERE WERE NO WORDS TO DE-
EVEN THOUGH I HAD A FEELING
IT WOULD TURN OUT THAT WAY...

AHAHA! SHIRAGAMI-SAN, YOU'RE TONE DEAF, AREN'T YOU.
I'll give you some lessons next time.
DON'T TELL HEEE-EERR!!

HUH... HUH?! COME NOW, YER TEASIN'...
ASAHI-KUN?! WHY ARE YA AVERTIN' YER EYES?!
Y-YOU HAVE A PECULIAR SINGING STYLE, SHIRAGAMI-SAN!!
YEAH, IT'S THAT BEAUTIFUL ARTISTIC SOUL OF MINE!!
...ASAHI-KUN, YA STINK.
YOU... YOU'RE CRYING BECAUSE OF THE GARLIC, RIGHT?!
TO THE POINT OF CRYING?!

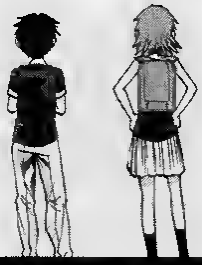
LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
SHIRAGAMI-SAN ISN'T THAT GOOD AT SINGING.

I CAN'T EVEN RECALL HOW LONG IT'S BEEN.



WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

WHATEVER HAPPENED.



WE WERE TOGETHER.

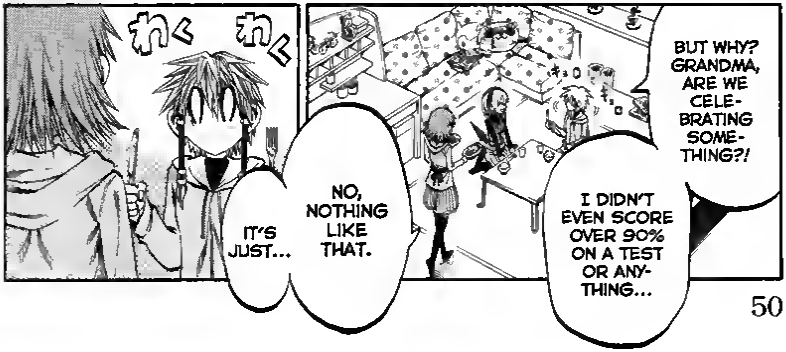
ALWAYS

TOGETHER.

BUT FOR HOW LONG...?
AT SOME POINT, THE WIND STARTED TO FEEL CHILLY.
AND PEOPLE PASSING BY STARTED WEARING EXTRA LAYERS.
YES... AROUND THE END OF MARCH.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!

## CHAPTER 145:
## "AKEMI MIKAN AND KUROMINE ASAHI"

HAM-BURGER STEAK!! HAM-BURGER STEAK!!
YAY!
GOOD FOR YOU, RIN-CHAN! IT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEAL!
OH, AND BRING IT ON AN IRON PLATE, LIKE THEY DO IN RESTAU-RANTS!!
HEY, RIN.
MIND YOUR MANNERS AND STOP PLAYING WITH THE SILVER-WARE.


BUT WHY? GRANDMA, ARE WE CELE-BRATING SOME-THING?!
I DIDN'T EVEN SCORE OVER 90% ON A TEST OR ANY-THING...
NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT.
IT'S JUST...

ABOUT THE FUTURE.
DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET TO EAT ANY OF THIS UNTIL YOU'VE TOLD ME EVERY-THING...!!
BUT GRANDMA, I TOLD YOU I CAN'T...
IT'S NOT FAIR!! YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE THE STEAK HOSTAGE!!
Cmon!
Cmon!
OH, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT YOUR GRANDMA IS CALLED THE "EVIL QUEEN"?
I WANT TO PUT AN END TO THIS AND FIND OUT WHO ASAHI'S WIFE IS.
AL-THOUGH I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD GUESS, TO BE HONEST.
MOMO-CHI.
THERE'S A GUY NAMED "KIRYUUIN SEN" IN YOUR CLASS, RIGHT?

IF WE DRAW A FAMILY TREE, THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE ANSWER.
KUROMINE ASAHI
?
KIRYUUIN SEN
AKEMI MIKAN
ASAHI'S DAUGHTER
KIRYUUIN
RIN
I'M THE GRAND-MOTHER, ASAHI IS THE MATERNAL GRAND-FATHER, AND KIRYUUIN SEN THE PATERNAL.
ASSUMING I'M NOT THE ONE ASAHI MARRIES IN THE FUTURE,
IN THE FUTURE, I...
I AM MARRIED TO KIRYUUIN SEN, AREN'T I?
T-THAT'S...
RIN-CHAN AND SEN-KUN ARE...

SORRY, GRAND-MA...
IT'S THE HAM-BURGER STEAK YOU LOVE SO MUCH!
COME ON NOW, RIN!
RIN-CHAN.
I ABSO-LUTELY CANNOT TELL YOU.
EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR HAMBURGER STEAK...!!
Growl~
AT LEAST WIPE YOUR DROOL OFF BEFORE SAYING THAT.
A-ANYWAY, I CAN'T! NOT EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE HAMBURGER STEAK...!!
Perfect!
EVEN IF THERE'S EGG AND POTATOES A-AND A FLAG PLANTED ON IT, I STILL CAN'T!!
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE READY TO SPILL THE BEANS IF I ADD THOSE.
THE POINT IS, I CAN'T TELL YOU!
ARGH, YOU'RE SO STUBBORN.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR TODAY.
EAT YOUR STEAK BEFORE IT GETS COLD.
AH-
G-GRAND-MA...
RIN-CHAN.
CAN'T YOU TELL HER JUST A LITTLE BIT?
NO...
I CAN'T TELL HER UNTIL THE TIME COMES.
I PROM-ISED HER...
AND I ALSO PROMISED THE PRINCI-PAL...
MIKAN-SAN, WERE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
HM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD LEARN ABOUT THE FUTURE TODAY, WHATEVER IT TOOK.
YEAH... WELL, IT'S FINE.
WHATEVER HAPPENS IN THE FUTURE THEY CAME FROM, I CAN JUST CHANGE IT.
AT ANY RATE, AS LONG AS I END UP AS ASAHI'S WIFE, IT'LL BE FINE.

HUH?
WHY, WHAT'S WRONG?
COULD YOU GO AWAY FOR A LITTLE BIT?
Just for a little while.
GOD OF MIS-FORT-UNE.
W-WELL, THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE, BUT...
YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE FUTURE IF YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, MIKAN-SAN...
UH, Y'KNOW.
IF YOU'RE WITH ME, SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN.
WHY THE HELL IS SHE SAYING THAT TO A GOD OF FORTUNE...?!
MIKAN?
HA-HA!
IF SOME-THING GOOD HAPPENS NOW, IT'LL PROVE HE'S A GOD OF MIS-FORTUNE..
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I WIN THE LOTTERY!
EVEN IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS THE VERY MOMENT I LEAVE!!
NGH, B-BUT DON'T COME CRYING TO ME LATER!

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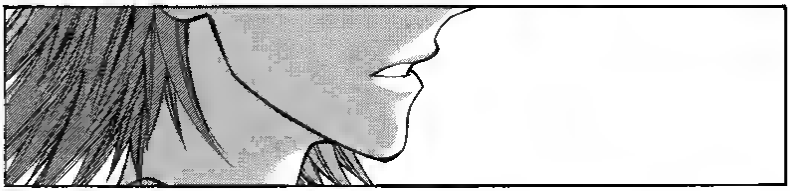
THE MOMENT HE DIS-APPEARS, I GET LUCKY...
IS HE REALLY A GOD OF MIS-FORTUNE AFTER ALL?!
Don't come crying to me!
Seriously.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE ALL ALONE...?

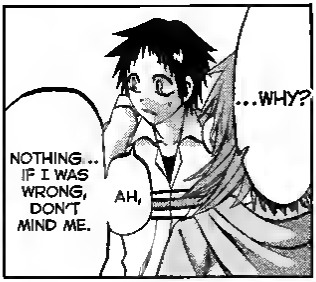
I GOTTA MAKE THE MOST OF THIS OPPOR-TUNITY!!
IS A GREAT CHANCE!!
A-ANYHOW, RUNNING INTO ASAHI ALONE LIKE THIS

ASAHI?
ACTUALLY, I HAPPENED TO MAKE TOO MUCH FOOD TODAY, SO YOU COULD DROP BY IF YOU
F-FANCY RUNNING INTO YOU HERE, ASAHI!!

...MIKAN.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN...?



OH, WHY...
WHEN YOUR FATHER LEFT...
LIKE...
BUT YOU ALWAYS COME TO THIS PLAY-GROUND...
WHEN YOU WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.

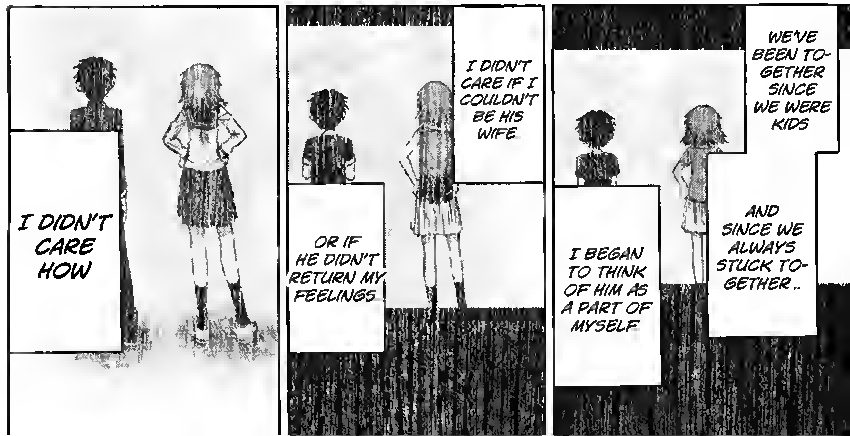

...WHY?
AH, NOTHING.. IF I WAS WRONG, DON'T MIND ME.

...STILL.
WHY IS IT ALWAYS ASAHI WHO FINDS ME FIRST?
WHEN-EVER THIS HAPPENS
TODAY, I KIND OF
WISH HE HADN'T FOUND ME...
IT'S NO-THING.
I MEAN, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
WHAT?
REALLY?! WOW, THAT'S GREAT! CON-GRATU-..
I GOT HIRED BY AN ADVERTISING COMPANY IN SEOMI, BUT IT'S STILL UN-OFFICIAL.
IT'S JUST THAT I FOUND A PLACE TO WORK AFTER GRADU-ATION.

SO
BASI-
CALLY
BUT
IN THIS DAY
AND AGE,
FINDING
WORK AFTER
GRADUATING
HIGH SCHOOL
ISN'T THAT
BAD
EITHER.
I WANTED
SOMETHING
CLOSER
SO I COULD
COMMUTE
FROM
HOME TOO,
YOU KNOW?
IT'S
NOT THAT
BIG OF A
COMPANY,
BUT IT'S
A REALLY
ENERGETIC
PLACE.
BUT
ISN'T
SEOMI
REALLY
FAR
FROM
ERE...
YEP,
IT'S FINAL.
I'M MOVING
AWAY FROM
THIS TOWN.
THAT'S
ALL.
I GUESS
THAT'LL MARK
THE END OF
OUR ROTTEN
RELATION-
SHIP.

I MEAN, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TOUOU, YOU CAN STILL LIVE AT HOME, RIGHT?
OH, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

TO BE HONEST, EVEN I'M SURPRISED.
OR ASAHI AND SHIRAGAMI-SAN STARTING TO DATE
THAT INSTEAD OF ME NOT BEING ASAHI'S WIFE IN THE FUTURE
THIS IS WHAT SHAKES ME UP THE MOST.
SO IT'S NO BIG DEAL, REALLY.


I DIDN'T CARE HOW
I DIDN'T CARE IF I COULDN'T BE HIS WIFE
OR IF HE DIDN'T RETURN MY FEELINGS
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS
I BEGAN TO THINK OF HIM AS A PART OF MYSELF
AND SINCE WE ALWAYS STUCK TOGETHER..

THE TRUTH IS
I JUST WANTED TO BE WITH ASAHI FOREVER.
TO THINK, I ONLY REALIZED THAT NOW-
THAT'S...
ALL THERE IS TO IT...!!

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.

WHEN WAS IT... KOUMOTO-SENSEI TOLD ME SOMETHING BEFORE.
KEEP SHIRAGAMI'S SECRET.
WHETHER YOU HAVE A HIDDEN AGENDA OR NOT.

NOW I UNDER-STAND.
IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN HAVE HIDDEN AGENDAS, YOU MUST HAVE THEM.
BEING KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU'RE NOT EVEN SERIOUS ABOUT IT...
IT MUST BE THE CRUELEST THING.

AFTER GETTING INVOLVED WITH ALL THESE SECRETS,
I STARTED TO THINK THAT EVEN I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR THESE PEOPLE.
BUT

I CAN'T DO ANY-THING FOR MIKAN.
EVEN THOUGH MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND IS SHAKING IN FRONT OF ME.
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT... TO DO ANYTHING.

I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT
TO FEEL SAD ABOUT HOW POWERLESS I AM.
S-
SORRY FOR BOTH-ERING YOU.

I-I'LL BE COMPLETELY FINE, ALL RIGHT?
YOU JUST, YOU KNOW, DO SOME-THING ABOUT AIZAWA-SAN!!
AH!
M-MIKAN!!

UGH...
WAS THIS... REALLY FOR THE BEST...? COULD I HAVE...
NO, SINCE I CAN'T RESPOND TO HER FEELINGS, I CAN'T DO ANY-THING...

LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
THREE YOUNGSTERS WANT TO CRY.
諸晴南中学校
..TCH.
TODAY'S WORSE THAN USUAL.
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YEAH, YEAH, I DON'T CARE.
GO AWAY.
ISN'T HE DONE TALKING YET?
AHH, I WANT TO PUNCH SOMEONE, ANYONE...
...THE TRUTH IS...

EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD,
I, OKADA KANADE, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HEAR PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS.
THOUGH THERE WERE DAYS WHEN I COULDN'T. IT DEPENDS ON MY PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STATES.
WELL, OF COURSE.
JUST END, AL-READY.
YOU CAN'T DO IT. GET A CLUE.
REALLY?
SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO REACT LIKE THAT.
HUH? WHY IS SHE SO PROUD OF IT?
MAYBE THEY'LL LET ME DO IT...
I'M WAY BETTER, THOUGH.
CRAP, I'M GONNA WET MYSELF.

IF I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT, MY MOM PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BROKEN UP WITH THE OLD MAN.
WHO WANTS TO HAVE THIS KIND OF POWER?
EVERY-ONE'S JUST WEARING A MASK...
AND POSSESS-ING THIS IMPOSSIBLE ABILITY MAKES YOU REALIZE
THAT WHAT'S IM-POSSIBLE IS IM-POSSIBLE, PERIOD.

SO IT WAS POINTLESS FOR ME TO EXPECT ANYTHING FROM ANYONE.
AND JUST AS I WAS CONVINCING MYSELF OF THAT...
OH, KITAMURA FROM CLASS 2, HUH? THANKS FOR THE SCOOP. ♡
WHAT? NO!! I'M TELLING YOU YOU'RE WRONG, MIKAN!!
I BUMPED INTO AN OPEN BOOK WHO COULDN'T HIDE ANYTHING
AND A MAIDEN IN LOVE WHO PLAYED THE EVIL QUEEN.
CHAPTER 146: "OKADA KANADE AND AKEMI MIKAN㊙かん①」

ERR... NO, I TOLD YOU...
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN CRUSHING ON HER?!
SO?!
...THE HELL ARE THEY DOING?
WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?!
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と思った!?
OKAY!! THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!!
What are you imagining?
I-I-I don't really like Kitamura-san or anything
Totally!
HOW DO YOUR FACE AND YOUR LOVEY-DOVEY THOUGHTS CLASH SO MUCH?!
で
と思考してんだ!?
SO IT'S NOT ME, HUH... NOT THAT I HAD MUCH HOPE OR ANYTHING.
JUST LET ME WRITE A GREAT ARTICLE ON IT, OKAY? ♡
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT'S ALRIGHT!! I'LL GIVE YOU MY FULL SUPPORT!!

THEY'RE KUROMINE AND AKEMI FROM MY CLASS, IF I RECALL?
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
THIS ISN'T A SHOW... OH, YOU'RE... OKADA, RIGHT?
I CAN'T STAND YOUR FACE, GLOOMY GLASSES.
SHOO SHOO
GO PLAY SOME-WHERE ELSE, WILL YA?
ちったぁオブラートに包め!!
HOW ABOUT YOU GET SOME TACT?!
MIKAN!! GLOOMY GLASSES IS A BIT TOO...
NO, ER...
WELL, IT DOES DESCRIBE HIM, SOME-WHAT...
I MEAN, YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!!
オブラートに包めてねぇ
YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU TWO?! AT LEAST WATER DOWN YOUR COMMENTS OR SOME-THING!!
NOT THAT IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE FOR ME, BUT STILL!
.....
...WHAT AM I SAYING...

AM I AN IDIOT?
I SHOULDN'T GET MY HOPES UP.
WHOM-EVER I HANG OUT WITH,
I'LL END UP BEING LET DOWN BY THE GAP BETWEEN THEIR WORDS AND THEIR TRUE THOUGHTS.
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WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RELAX AROUND OTHER PEOPLE.
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SOMEONE LIKE ME, ABLE TO READ MINDS...

TL NOTE: THEY'RE EATING YAKIIMO, A FRIED POTATO TRADITIONALLY BAKED ON A PILE OF BURNING LEAVES IN WINTER.

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フルーツ

DID YOU SEE THAT...?
SO YOU CAN SMILE WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT, OKA-KUN.
...HUH?
AH, SHE'S RIGHT, THAT'S PRETTY RARE.
THAT'S 100 TIMES BETTER THAN YOUR PERPETUAL FROWN.
YOU LOOK SO LAME WHEN YOU TRY TO ACT ALL COOL AND UN-FLAPPABLE.

BY THE WAY, ASAHI, WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME NEXT WEEK-END?
ERR, I DON'T MIND. BUT WHERE TO?
WHERE, HE SAYS...
I MEANT THAT IN A ROMANTIC WAY... BUT, WELL, I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT.
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.
I'll take photos ♡
Don't worry
YOU SOUND AWFULLY HAPPY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S SENDING ME TO MY EXECUTION!!
TO WITNESS YOUR GLORIOUS DOWNFALL. ♡
TO KITA-MURA-SAN'S PLACE.

...YEAH, I ALREADY KNOW
!!
THAT IT'S ALL HOPELESS, NO MATTER WHAT I DO.
AND LEARNED THAT SOME SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE THINGS DO EXIST.
I'VE MET A HORNED GIRL WITH INCOMPREHENSIBLE POWERS
AND EVEN ON THE DAYS I CAN, THERE'S SOME KIND OF NOISE THAT PREVENTS ME FROM HEARING CLEARLY
...AFTER I ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, I'VE STARTED TO HEAR THOSE THOUGHTS LESS AND LESS OFTEN.

BUT EVEN THEN...
EVERY-THING REMAINED AS HOPE-LESS AS EVER...
...YOU WANT SOME-THING?
OKA-KUN.
...NOT REALLY.
IT'S JUST THAT...

I HAPPENED TO SEE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM THE PARK.
HMM...
IS THAT SO.

CHOOSE ME INSTEAD.
...WHY WOULD I?

...MIKAN-CHAN, YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
ASAHI IS ALREADY WITH SHIRA-GAMI.
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D JUST LEAVE HER FOR ANOTHER GIRL.
SO WHAT?
RATHER THAN POINT-LESSLY WAITING,
COMPARED TO ASAHI, I...
WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE TO GO OUT WITH ME?
OKA-KUN.
COME ON.

EVEN YOU DON'T ACTUALLY EXPECT ME
TO GO ALONG WITH THIS, DO YOU?
...SORRY, BUT I'M NOT AS KIND-HEARTED AS ASAHI.
I DON'T EVEN THINK YOU DESERVE A RE-SPONSE.
AND WHETHER ASAHI AND SHIRAGAMI-SAN ARE TOGETHER OR NOT...
HOW DOES THAT HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH YOU AND ME?

WHEN I LOOK AT YOU
I ONLY SEE MY FORMER SELF, WHICH IRRITATES ME TO NO END.
IF YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO SHOW YOUR TRUE FEELINGS, THEN DON'T TRY TO MAKE PASSES AT ME.
HA-HA.
YEAH...
そう
I KNEW HOW THIS WOULD TURN OUT BEFORE I EVEN GOT HERE.
...WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?

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I KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS-
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MI-MIKAN-SAN, PLEASE WAIT!!
YOU'LL BE ALL ALONE AGAIN IF YOU...
WAIT, FUKU CHAN.
RIGHT NOW, WHAT SHE NEEDS IS NOT WORDS... DON'T YOU THINK?

...IS... WHAT ONE ALWAYS NEEDS
IS A SLIGHTLY LUCKY PERVERT MOMENT...!!
いや 時に必要とは思えない ACTUALLY, I DON'T THINK ANY-ONE EVER NEEDS THAT!
バサ バサ バサ
HO! HO! HO!
WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING, YOU THREE?
!!
YOU ARE THE GREAT PROFESSOR OF FORTUNE, FUKUZOU-SAN...
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# REDRAWER NEEDED!

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT THIS CHAPTER DID NOT HAVE REDRAWS. THIS IS BECAUSE OUR LONG TIME REDRAWER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE TIME. WE'VE TRIED TO MAKE DUE WITH TEMP REPLACEMENTS, BUT WE SIMPLY CAN'T KEEP ASKING FOR ENDLESS FAVORS. AS A RESULT, UNTIL WE FIND A REPLACEMENT REDRAWER, JITSU WA WATASHI WA IS GOING TO BE LOW QUALITY RELEASES. IF WE FIND A REPLACEMENT, AND THERE'S TIME, WE MAY GO BACK AND RE-RELEASE THESE CHAPTERS, BUT THAT IS THE BEST CASE SCENARIO. THE LONGER WE GO WITHOUT A REDRAWER, THE LESS LIKELY THAT WILL OCCUR.

FUTARI WA PRETTY ANON DOESN'T NORMALLY USE EXTRA PAGES FOR RECRUITING BECAUSE BY THE TIME SOME PEOPLE READ IT, THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, WE'RE MAKING AN EXCEPTION. IF YOU CAN REDRAW, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO **JITSUWAPRETTYANON@GMAIL.COM** WITH THE TEXT ON THE LEFT REDRAWN AS THE TEST. UNFORTUNATLY WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO TRAIN PEOPLE, SO PLEASE DO NOT APPLY IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY KNOW HOW TO REDRAW. SORRY.

I'M SORRY THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, BUT IT WAS EITHER RELEASE CHAPTERS WITH NO REDRAWING, OR DROP THE MANGA ENTIRELY. WE ARE OPEN TO JOINT VENTURES IF YOU ARE ANOTHER GROUP WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS, THANK YOU FOR READING, AND PLEASE SUPPORT THE OFFICIAL RELEASE: MY MONSTER SECRET.

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バッサ
THOSE GLASSES JUST TAAAAA-
ALKED?!
あとは頼(たの)むぞ
LEAVE THE REST TO YOU THREE.
三人(さんにん)とも
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WHAT? NO!! WE AREN'T TALKING!! DEFINITELY NOT!!
This is bad!
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あ

I DON'T CARE IF YOU GET MARRIED AGAIN.
NAH, I'M NOT AGAINST IT.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MEETING HIM.
LIKE I SAID,
IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T WANT HIM TO PITY HIS NEW WIFE'S CHILD.
HMPH... WELL, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, I WAS YOUNG ONCE TOO...
HEY, YOU CAN'T CALL YOUR DAD "THAT OLD GUY"!!
I TOLD YOU IT DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT OLD GUY... YEAH, DAD.
LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
NO, I'M NOT BUYING THAT!!
...IT'S JUST ME.
...I SEE... WELL...
HUH? REALLY?!
I'LL BE MOVING OUT NEXT SPRING ANYWAY...
...GEEZ.
Beep
Beep

I'M JUST HALLUCINATING...
気のせいに違いねぇ…
からまWHY WOULD I BE LITERALLY SURROUNDED BY TALKING GLASSES, HUH...?!
メガにざ…!!
OKA-KUN-SAN... THAT PHONE CALL SOUNDED PRETTY SERIOUS...
SO YOU CAN ASK ME, A GOD OF FORTUNE, FOR HELP!!
HMPH
FUKU-CHAN... YOU CAN'T BUTT IN HIS PERSONAL MATTERS LIKE THAT.
CHAPTER 147: "OKADA KANADE AND AKEMI'S MIKAN ② ミかん ②」

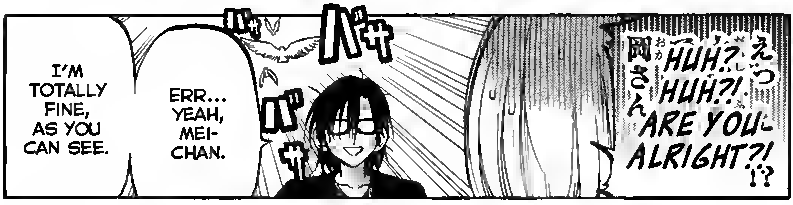
WHAT? I CAN HEAR PEOPLE'S INNER VOICES, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABLE TO HEAR THE VOICES OF FREAKING GLASSES...
I'M TIRED, I'M JUST TIRED, RIGHT?!
BY THE WAY, SHOULDN'T YOU TWO STAY QUIET? SOMEONE COULD HEAR YOU...
HUH?! ERR, YES, YOU'RE NOT HEARING US, OKA-KUN-SAN, IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION!
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU SHUT UP!!

...HAHA, I SEE NOW.
BETWEEN MIKAN-CHAN, MOM'S RE-MARRIAGE, AND MY EXAMS...
I'VE BEEN WORRYING SO MUCH THAT I STARTED TO HEAR VOICES IN MY HEAD.
YOU'RE WRONG, OKA-KUN-SAN! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WORRYING...
THAT MEANS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR HAPPI-NESS!!
黙し幻映つ
I'M TRYING TO PRETEND YOU'RE NOT REALLY TALKING, SO SHUT UP ALREADY!!
!!
AND WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU, ANYWAY?!
WHAT KIND OF GLASSES USE PIGEONS OR PEOPLE'S HEADS TO MOVE AROUND?!
HUHUHU... WELL, WE ARE GODS OF FORTUNE, YOU SEE...
THEN BUZZ OFF, AND I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T SEE YOU!! JUST LET ME DO THAT!!
I MEAN, WE'RE NOT!! OUR TRUE NATURE IS A SECRET!!
...I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T.
...HUH?

WHEN YOU WERE TALKING WITH MIKAN-SAN EARLIER...
YOU LOOKED ON THE VERGE OF TEARS...
IT WOULD BE SHAMEFUL FOR A GOD OF FORTUNE TO IGNORE THAT...!!
...WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ON ABOUT?
NOTHING EARTH-SHAKING HAPPENED THAT WOULD MAKE ME CRY.
SOMETHING TURNED OUT TO BE JUST AS IMPOSSIBLE AS I EXPECTED, THAT'S ALL...
OKA-KUN-SAN.

IS THAT REALLY... WHAT YOU FELT DEEP INSIDE...?
HAVE YOU NEVER SEEN SOMETHING... THAT YOU THOUGHT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES...?
...WE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT WE ARE GODS OF FORTUNE...
CAN'T YOU TALK TO US ABOUT IT...?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT? WHAT IF PEOPLE SAW YOU...
...IT DOESN'T MATTER. PLEASE, TALK TO US...

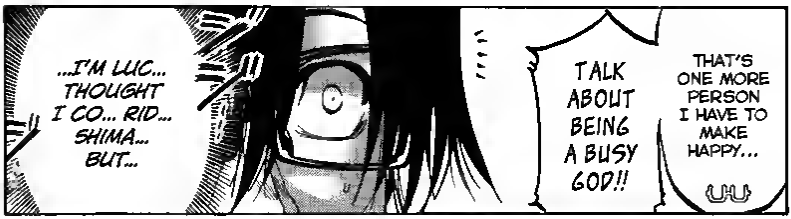
バサ
バサ
バサ
FUKU-CHAN!! LET'S GO!!
ERR... YES!!
HUH? O... OKA-SAN?!
...WHAT ARE YOU WEARING ON YOUR...
鳩岡主 OKA-SAN?! PIGEONS ARE KINDA PECKING AT YOU, YOU KNOW?!


バサ
バサ
HUH?! HUH?! 岡さん ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
ERR... YEAH, MEI-CHAN.
I'M TOTALLY FINE, AS YOU CAN SEE.

W-WELL, NOT THAT I WAS GONNA TALK TO THEM, ANY..
...DON'T WORRY, OKA-KUN-SAN.
Whisper
Whisper
But I don't like this
"TALK TO US", MY ASS!
THEN THEY BLOW ME OFF!!

どっか行けよ
疫病神(やくびょうがみ)
JUST GO AWAY, GOD OF MISFORTUNE!!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO ABANDON YOU...
I WON'T LET GO OF YOUR HAND...!!
Huh? Why do you have glasses on the back...
AH!
I GUESS IT'S SOME NEW FASHION TREND, HUH?!
LEAVE IT TO ME!! I'LL BE SURE TO MAKE YOU HAPPY! DEFINITELY!!
Whisper
EXCEPT RIGHT NOW YOU'RE SCRAPING AWAY MY FORTUNE BIT BY BIT!!
BY THE WAY, MEI-CHAN? WHY ARE YOU WITH SHIMAKOU... AND, ERR...
OH, THIS IS MY CLASSMATE, KIRYUUIN SEN.
...KI-RYUU-IN?
I HAPPENED TO BUMP INTO THEM.
AND THEN...

SO THAT'S WHAT SOMEONE WHO SURVIVED ENDLESS TORTURE LOOKS LIKE...!!
後の人の顔が拷問を受けた
I HAD THE HONOR OF ATTENDING A LECTURE ABOUT SHIMA-SAN'S MAGNIFICENCE UNTIL SUN-SET...!!
ALTHOUGH, WELL, ONLY A SMALL PART OF IT CAN BE DESCRIBED WITH WORDS...!!
THAT'S MY MASTER FOR YOU!!


THAT'S ONE MORE PERSON I HAVE TO MAKE HAPPY...
TALK ABOUT BEING A BUSY GOD!!
...I'M LUC... THOUGHT I CO... RID... SHIMA... BUT...

THANK... THAT... TODA...
...MEET... OKA-SAN... THAT'S UNEXP...

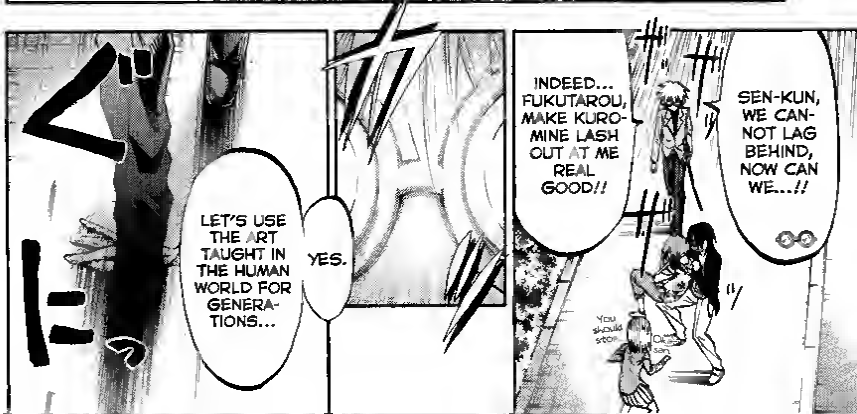
...STOP IT.
AND TODAY... ISN'T... ...KAN-CHAN... ...MS...
WOOPS... ...PE IT DOESN'T... MY FACE...
PLEASE... STOP MAKING THAT FACE AROUND ME, MEI-CHAN.
OH, RIGHT, THE OTHER DAY...
BUT GEEZ, SHIMA-SAN IS REALLY A HAND-FUL!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU SEE IN A LOSER LIKE ME?
WHY DO I HAVE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS TODAY OF ALL DAYS.
THAT'S THE LAST THING I NEEDED.

SHE KNOWS PERFECTLY WELL THAT SHE CAN'T FIND HAPPINESS WITH ME.
SHE KNOWS PERFECTLY WELL THAT I LOVE MIKAN-CHAN...
SEEING MEI-CHAN REALLY MAKES ME FEEL EVEN MORE HOPELESS.
LIKE I'M LOOKING AT MYSELF IN A MIRROR...
THAT'S HOW MIKAN-CHAN MUST FEEL,
WHEN-EVER SHE'S WITH ME.
AND THEN, NII-CHAN...
...MEI-CHAN.

I CAN'T STAND THIS ANY-MORE.
I'LL JUST...
SORRY.
I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO, SO I MUST...
おお
OKA-SAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAN?!
GYA-HAHA-HAHA! SO YOU MUST WHAT?
YOU MUST SLIP OUT?! OKAKOU!
THAT'S MY SENPAI FOR YOU... SUCH EFFORT-LESS HAPPI-NESS...
EVERY-ONE IS SMILING NOW!!

WAY TO GO, MASTER SHIMADA!
YOU NEVER LET A CHANCE TO BE DESPICABLE DRIVE YOU BY, EVEN WITH MEN!!
COME ON, KUROMINE!! HURRY UP AND CHOKE ME TOO...
JUST GO CHOKE YOURSELF, WILL YA?
WAS THAT YOUR DOING, SHITTY GLASSES?
IF YOU WANNA BE SPLIT INTO TWO SO BADLY, THEN...
OKA-KUN-SAN, PLEASE STOP!
I'M GONNA BREAK!!
I'm shivering with admiration!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT...? ARE YOU JUST HERE TO MESS WITH ME? HUH?
Whisper
YOU'RE WRONG! WE JUST WANT TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY....!!

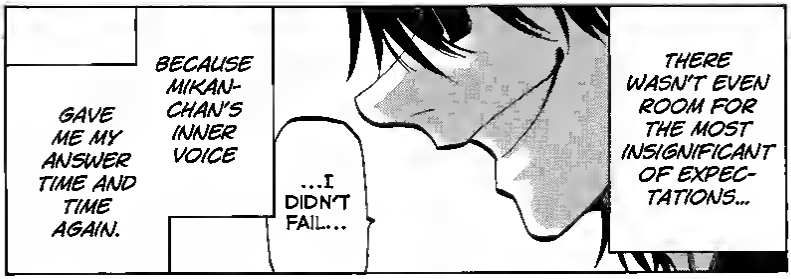

SEN-KUN, WE CANNOT LAG BEHIND, NOW CAN WE...!!
INDEED... FUKUTAROU, MAKE KUROMINE LASH OUT AT ME REAL GOOD!!
You should stop!
YES.
LET'S USE THE ART TAUGHT IN THE HUMAN WORLD FOR GENERATIONS...

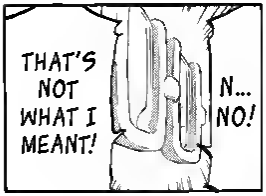
THE LUCKY...
ラッキースケベ
だあああああああっ!?
SLIIIIIIIIIIIIP?!
AAAAA-AAAAAAAA-AAAAH!!
Ah.
Ah.
あああ
WHISPER
W-WELL, SURELY SOMEONE HERE MUST BE HAPPY... I GUESS?!
H... HEY, SHITTY GLASSES!! WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE HAPPY, EXACTLY?!
おい、おい
LIKE, WHO?! EVERY ONE HAS DEAD EYES!!
どいつもこいつも
WE FAILED... WE JUST FAILED, OKAY?!
失敗で、失敗です
THAT DOESN'T MEAN WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO WAS WRONG!!
HUH?! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE, WHETHER YOU FAILED OR YOU'RE WRONG
IT-
IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!!

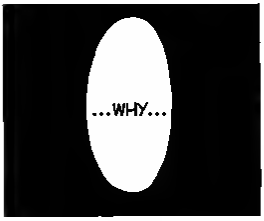
DO YOU GET IT?
FAILURE MEANS THAT YOU LACKED THE POWER OR LUCK TO DO WHAT YOU WANTED
BUT THAT CERTAINLY DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
"BEING WRONG" MEANS THAT YOU WERE MISGUIDED IN YOUR VERY INTENTIONS
IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN WE TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY...
EVEN YOU DON'T ACTUALLY EXPECT ME
TO GO ALONG WITH THIS, DO YOU?

...IF I WASN'T MISTAKEN, AS YOU SAY...
THEN TELL ME.
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE
ABOUT MIKAN-CHAN?
OKA-KUN-SAN?
.....
...WHAT?

...IT WASN'T FAILURE. I SIMPLY KNEW THAT FROM THE START.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED... THERE WAS SIMPLY NO WAY FOR ME TO GET BETWEEN THEM.
I'll take photos ♡
Don't worry


THERE WASN'T EVEN ROOM FOR THE MOST INSIGNIFICANT OF EXPEC-TATIONS...
...I DIDN'T FAIL...
BECAUSE MIKAN-CHAN'S INNER VOICE
GAVE ME MY ANSWER TIME AND TIME AGAIN.


N... NO!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!


...WHY...

I KNEW IT WAS ALL HOPE-LESS.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN, SO WHY...
WHY DID I MAKE THAT MISTAKE, I WONDER...?

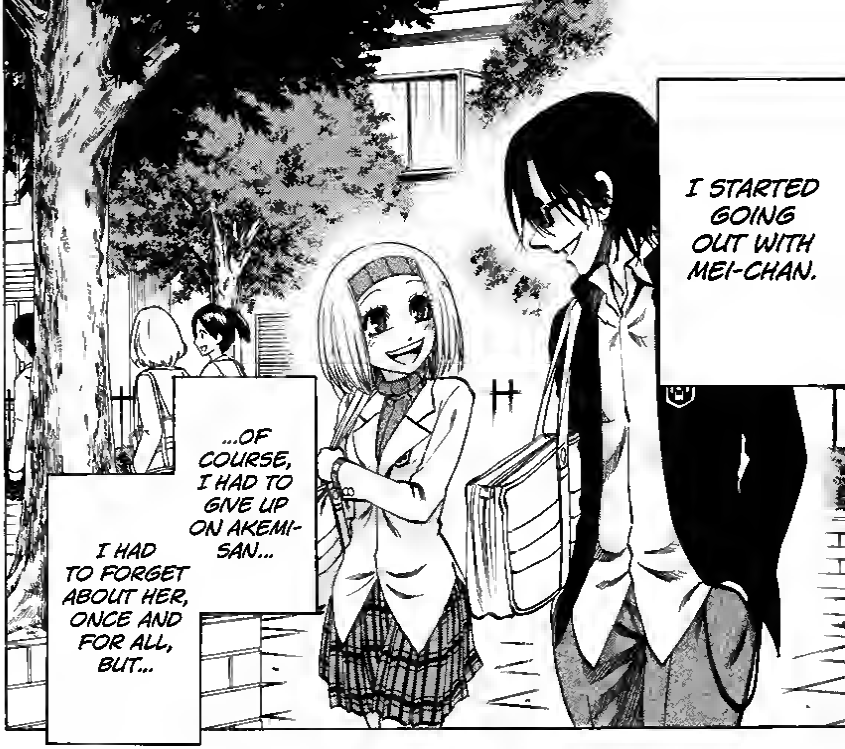
WHY DID I HAVE
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HER OF ALL PEOPLE...?

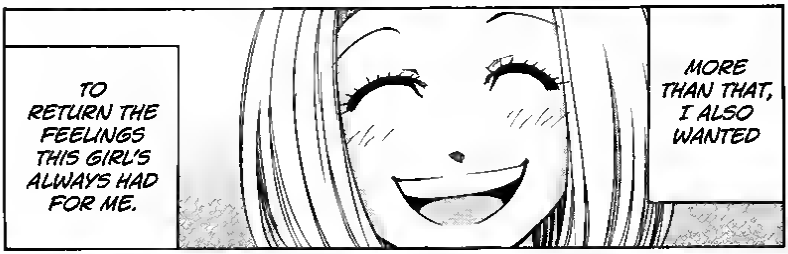
...OKA-KUN-SAN...
...SORRY
TELLING YOU ALL THIS ISN'T GONNA HELP, I GUESS...
IT'S NOT A PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL STORY, EITHER...
THERE'S NO POINT IN PURSUING A LOVE THAT CAN'T END WELL...
.....
...NO.

RAWS: SLW
TL: LYENDITH
PR: TSUNTSUN
TS: TARAGE
CL: DJIDANEZOKAWA
QC: BANSIE
PRETTYANONYMOUS

IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT...
HOW ABOUT WE GO OUT TOGETHER...?

LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY: THAT TIME I ASKED OUT MY FRIEND'S LITTLE SISTER WHO'S LIKED ME FOR YEARS...
...SORRY.
DID I MAKE YOU WAIT, MEI-CHAN?
OH NO, DON'T WORRY.
OUR CLASS'S HOME-ROOM JUST FINISHED TOO.
SO, SHALL WE GO, MEI-CHAN?
.....
YES!!
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT...
HOW ABOUT WE GO OUT TO-GETHER...?
IN THE END...


I STARTED GOING OUT WITH MEI-CHAN.
...OF COURSE, I HAD TO GIVE UP ON AKEMI-SAN...
I HAD TO FORGET ABOUT HER, ONCE AND FOR ALL, BUT...


MORE THAN THAT, I ALSO WANTED
TO RETURN THE FEELINGS THIS GIRL'S ALWAYS HAD FOR ME.

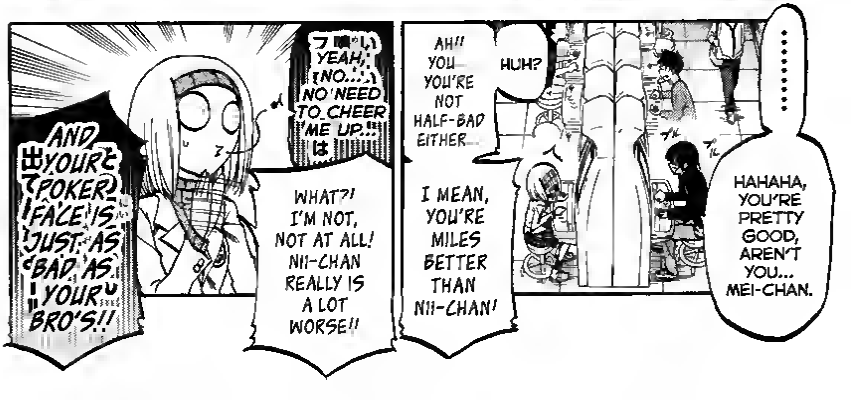
YEAH... THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST CHOICE I CAN MAKE.
THE IDEAL CHOICE THAT CAN MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.

# CHAPTER 148: "OKADA KANADE AND AKEMI MIKAN ③" 「かん③」

WAH!
WAH! WAH!
WAAAAAH?! IN-INCRED-IBLE, YOU GOT IT ON YOUR FIRST TRY!!
WELL, Y'KNOW.
I PLAYED HERE SO MUCH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I KNOW THIS ARCADE CENTER LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND.
OH, WITH MY BROTHER, PERHAPS?
ERR... SOMETIMES, I GUESS. I THINK I CAME HERE ALONE MORE OFTEN.
IT'S SO NOISY I CAN'T HEAR OTHER PEOPLE'S VOICES, AND I FOUND THAT PLEASANT.
BY THE WAY, YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND COMING TO AN ARCADE CENTER?
YES! I DON'T MIND...
NO ACTUALLY, I'M GLAD WE CAME HERE!!

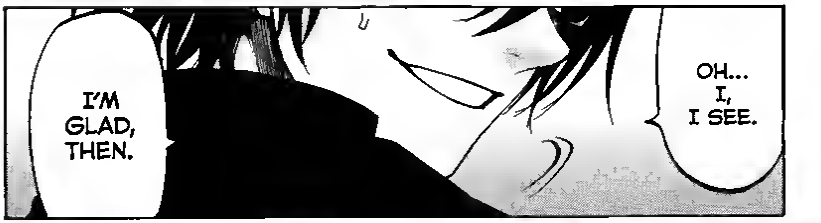
BECAUSE... YOU KNOW. NII-CHAN SUCKS HARD AT VIDEO GAMES.
AND THE OTHER GIRLS AREN'T INTO FIGHTING GAMES, SO...
OH YEAH... ASAHI'S A GREEN-HORN, ISN'T HE.
THEN SHOULD WE SLUG IT OUT?
DO YOU LIKE STRAIGHT FIGHTER?
YES, BUT PLEASE GO EASY ON ME!!
...WELL, SHE'S A GIRL, SO I GUESS HER FIGHTING GAME SKILLS DON'T GO MUCH BEYOND BUTTON MASHING
AFTER WE'VE HAD A GOOD FIGHT...
I'LL LET HER ENJOY THE FINE WINE OF VICTORY.
FIGHT!
FOODS

N THUMB
FOODS MARIN
KO
YOU LOSE!!
PER-FECT!!
YOU GOTTA TRY HARDER THAN THAT, SCRUB!!
CON-TINUE?


AND YOUR (POKER) FACE IS JUST AS BAD AS YOUR BRO'S!!
WHAT?! I'M NOT, NOT AT ALL! NII-CHAN REALLY IS A LOT WORSE!!
YEAH, (NO...) NO NEED TO CHEER ME UP!!
AH!! YOU... YOU'RE NOT HALF-BAD EITHER...
I MEAN, YOU'RE MILES BETTER THAN NII-CHAN!
HUH?
HAHAHA, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, AREN'T YOU... MEI-CHAN.
.....

DRIFT
...OKA-SAN, DO YOU REMEM-BER?
WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL, AND YOU AND MY BROTHER WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
YOU TWO BROUGHT ME HERE ONCE!
JUNGLE
HM?
OH... YEAH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME AT AN ARCADE CENTER, SO I WAS A BIT SCARED, BUT REALLY HYPED TOO.
WELL, NOT EVERY-ONE HERE IS WELL-BEHAVED, SO I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WERE A BIT SCARED.
YOU... AND EVEN NII-CHAN LOOKED PRETTY ADULT...
I RE-MEMBER BEING JEALOUS OF YOU TWO.

...REALLY, BEING ABLE TO COME HERE WITH YOU AGAIN...
IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY.


OH... I, I SEE.
I'M GLAD, THEN.

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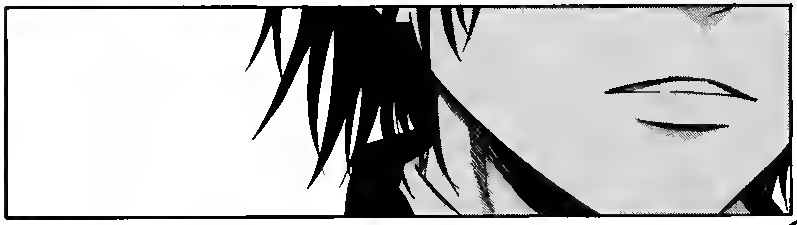
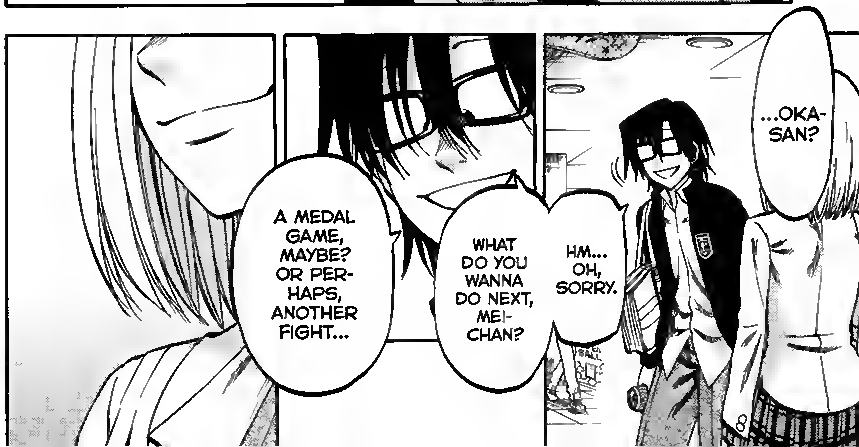
...YES. ALL IS WELL.
I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

I DON'T HAVE A SLIVER OF REGRET.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO CHERISH THIS GIRL.
ALL IS WELL... ALL IS WELL...
I HAVE NO REASON TO WAV-




...OKA-SAN?
HM... OH, SORRY.
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO NEXT, MEI-CHAN?
A MEDAL GAME, MAYBE? OR PER-HAPS, ANOTHER FIGHT...

...GOOD GRIEF...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH MIKAN-CHAN?
...HAHA, WHAT'S THAT, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WHAT DOES AKEMI-SAN HAVE TO DO WITH ANY-THING?
COME ON, LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT GAME.
...IT'S TRUE THAT I USED TO HAVE A CRUSH ON AKEMI-SAN.
BUT NOW, I'M YOUR BOY...
OKA-SAN.

YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING ME, BUT WHEN YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...
YOU'RE EVEN EASIER TO READ THAN MY BROTHER, YOU KNOW...!!
HM?
WHO'S WHATER TO WHAT THAN WHO?
HM?
YOU. YOU'RE EASIER TO READ THAN MY BROTHER.
OH, ASAHI, HUH. I'M EASIER TO READ THAN ASAHI. HA! HA! HA!
俺(おれ)っ WAIT; WHAA-; AAAT?! 'ME' あ、EASIER THAN あ…あ!?
HUH?! THERE'S NO WAY! THERE'S JUST NO WAY!! !!
SORRY, BUT ANY-ONE WOULD RAISE AN EYE-BROW AT THIS.
WHY WOULD YOU DECIDE TO ASK ME OUT LIKE THAT OUT OF NO-WHERE?

YOU MAY TRY TO HIDE IT BEHIND THOSE BLACK-FRAMED GLASSES...
BUT YOUR EYES ALWAYS END UP BEING DRAWN TO MIKAN-CHAN.
EVEN TODAY, YOU WERE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AROUND FOR HER.
I NOTICE THAT.
*snub*
WHEN YOU PUT ON YOUR SERIOUS FACE, AS IF TO SAY "I'M TOTALLY NOT INTER-ESTED"...
AND WHEN YOU LOVINGLY GAZE AT HER, TO THE POINT THAT IT'S SLIGHTLY DISCON-CERTING...
ASIDE FROM HER...
I CAN'T SEE WHO ELSE COULD MAKE YOU SO DE-PRESSED.
...YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE IN LOVE WITH HER THAN YOU REALIZE.
SO...

WHY DON'T YOU TRY
TO BE A LITTLE MORE HONEST WITH YOUR OWN FEELINGS?
IF YOU REALLY COULD GIVE UP ON HER THAT EASILY, YOU WOULD HAVE DONE SO LONG AGO.

THIS IS YOUR PUNISH-MENT
FOR USING ME TO FORGET HER, EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW THAT I LIKED YOU.
WELL... BACK IN GRADE SCHOOL, I FOUND THAT SIDE OF YOU PRETTY COOL, BUT STILL.
ME-
MEI-CHAN, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH!! I GET IT, ALREADY!
BESIDES, YOU ALWAYS ACT LIKE YOU UNDERSTAND ANYTHING AND EVERY-THING.
NO, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.
...BUT IT'S AL-RIGHT.
BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT MIKAN-CHAN WOULD REACT THE SAME WAY...
...MEI-CHAN... I'M...
TO THINK THAT YOU'D DO THIS... YOU LOVE HER THAT MUCH.
HONESTLY... I'M MORE BAFFLED THAN ANGRY.

ONE DAY, I'LL MAKE YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN MIKAN-CHAN...
...ONE DAY...

...HOW MUCH...
OF AN ARROGANT DUMBASS AM I?
AND I'LL BE THE ONE YOUR EYES ARE ALWAYS DRAWN TO.
OKAY?

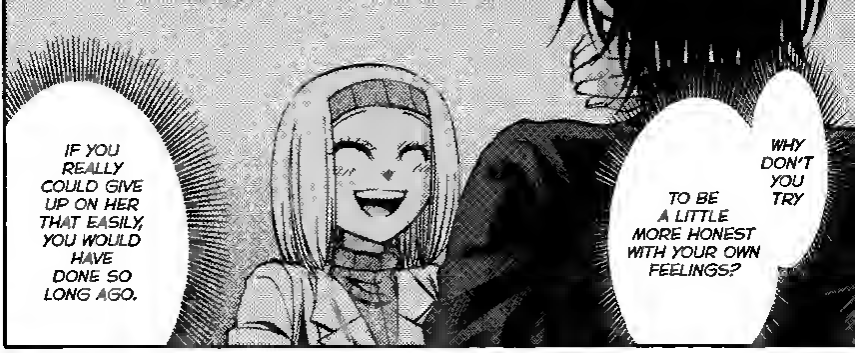
I PRE-TEND I WANT TO MAKE MEI-CHAN HAPPY...
BUT I JUST END UP USING HER TO FORGET ABOUT MIKAN-CHAN.
...WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?
I'M TOO STUPID TO UNDERSTAND MY OWN FEELINGS WITHOUT HURTING MY FRIENDS!
Hah
Hah
Hah
Hah
Hah
JUST BECAUSE I COULD HEAR THE THOUGHTS AROUND ME...
WHAT POINT IS THERE IN RUNNING TO HER
NOW OF ALL TIMES...?
I CON-SIDERED MYSELF SOMEONE SPECIAL.
AND...
6-!
OW!!
I USED THAT AS AN EXCUSE TO NEVER PURSUE ANYTHING.

RAWS SLYV
TL LYENDITH
PR: TSUNTSUN
TS: TARAGE
CL: DJIDANEZOKAWA
QC BEANSIE
PRETTYANONYMOUS... FOR NOW.

Hah
Hah
Hah
BUT I'M JUST A LOWLY HUMAN.
.. HOW STUPID AM I...?
BE-SIDES...
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHOSEN THEIR OWN PATH
EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW HOW THAT OTHER PERSON FEELS...
THEY'RE NOT CONSTANTLY WONDERING WHETHER IT'S HOPELESS OR NOT.
Hah
Hah
Hah
...AFTER I'VE STOOPED TO SUCH A PATHETIC LEVEL...
...SO...
WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT THINK?!
NO MORE EXCUSES!!

FUCK IT! LET'S DO THIS... I WON'T BACK DOWN THIS TIME!!
OKADA KANADE!...
IS GONNA FIGHT THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME, UNWINNABLE BATTLE HEAD ON!!!

LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
I ACTUALLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND A THING.
Hah
Hah
Hah
HEY, DID YOU SEE THAT GUY? WASN'T HIS NOSE BLEEDING?
STOP POINTING AT HIM!!
I LIVED WHILE HAVING TO MIND OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS.
I KEPT EAVES-DROPPING ON OTHERS' INNER THOUGHTS
I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW.
AND I ACTED LIKE THERE WAS NOTHING TO LIVE FOR.
BUT


IF YOU REALLY COULD GIVE UP ON HER THAT EASILY, YOU WOULD HAVE DONE SO LONG AGO.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE HONEST WITH YOUR OWN FEELINGS?

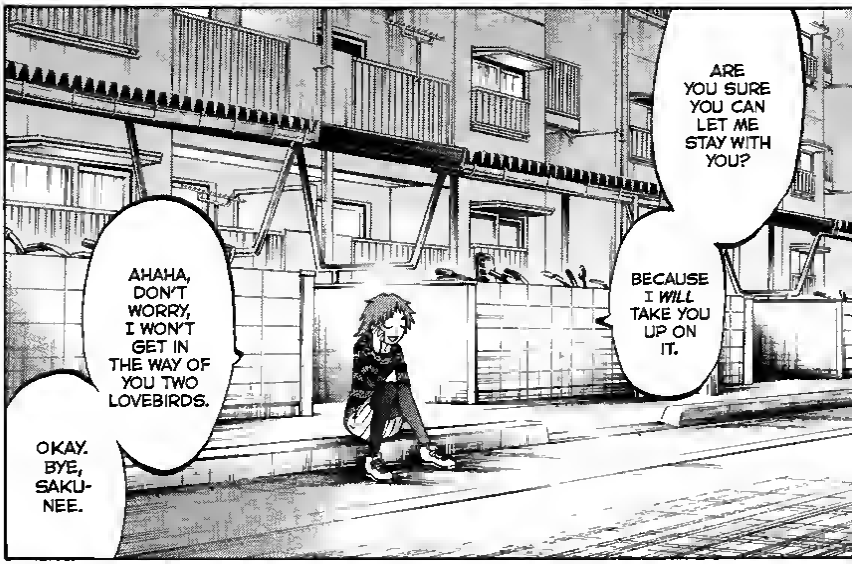
I HAD A DREAM.
I ONLY EVER SAW THAT SMILE ONCE.
I WANTED HER TO SHOW ME THAT SMILE AGAIN.

AM I SERIOUSLY DOING THIS? WILL I REALLY TELL MIKAN-CHAN ...?! AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED?
I'M SCARED. DID THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING ASAHI FULL THIS OFF WITH SHIRAGAMI-SAN ...?
DAMN. I'M ALMOST THERE...
WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO RIGHT NOW MIGHT SEEM APPALLING.
AS SOME-ONE WHO COULDN'T MAKE EVEN THAT SIMPLE DREAM COME TRUE...

UGH...
COME ON, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!
HO, HO, HO, THAT'S YOUTH...
BUT STILL,
MR. OKAKUN.
DO YOUR BEST!!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE
I'M ABOUT TO HONESTLY TALK ABOUT MY FEELINGS.
I'LL TELL HER THAT I LOVE HER.

# CHAPTER 149: "OKADA KANADE AND AKEMI MIKAN ④" (だいわ カン ④)

I'LL BE FREE-LOADING STARTING THIS SPRING, I THINK.
YUP, I GOT THE JOB.


ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN LET ME STAY WITH YOU?
BECAUSE I *WILL* TAKE YOU UP ON IT.
AHAHA, DON'T WORRY, I WON'T GET IN THE WAY OF YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS.
OKAY. BYE, SAKU-NEE.

SO I'M REALLY
GOING TO LEAVE THIS TOWN...

I'M SO STUPID.
WE'D ALWAYS BE NEIGHBORS WITH ASAHI-
I'D KEEP BANTERING WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE I KNOW.
AND I'D BECOME A GRANDMOTHER IN SO YEARS.
I SOMEHOW FELT THAT I'D ALWAYS LIVE IN THIS TOWN.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS SO PUMPED UP ABOUT CHANGING THE FUTURE
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT,
IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO LEAVE THE FUTURE THE WAY IT IS.
IT'S JUST
I WANTED TO BE AT HIS SIDE
THAT'S ALL.
I REALIZE
THAT THERE'S A LOT I HOLD DEAR OTHER THAN ASAHI.
AND I CAN MOVE FORWARD FOR THEIR SAKE AS WELL.

MIKAN-CHAAAAAAAAN!!
WHA-
MIKAN-CHAN!! IT'S ME!! OKADA!!
HUH?! W-WHAT?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
UH, I'M...
P-PLEASE, COME OUT!! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!!
HEY, HEY, HEY...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING AT THIS HOUR?!
HUH?
M-MIKAN-CHAN?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I THOUGHT WE FINISHED TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING THE LAST TIME WE TALKED.
S-SORRY, I FELL ON THE WAY HERE, I PROBABLY DROPPED MY PHONE BACK THERE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?! YOUR FACE
HOW ABOUT CALLING ME OR RINGING THE BELL HEY,
UH...?
WELL, SORRY, BUT THAT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
I TOLD YOU TO MOVE ON ALREADY.
ARE YOU SO DUMB YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND UNLESS I PUT IT EVEN MORE BLUNTLY?
THEN HERE IT GOES. I HATE COWARDLY, SORE LOSER LIKE...
P-

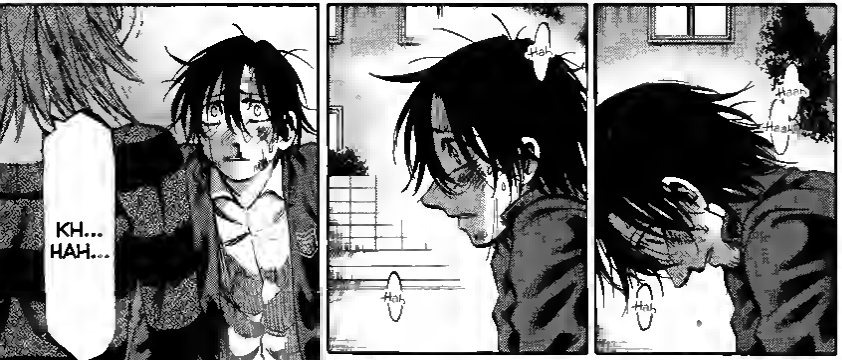
P-
PLEASE, HEAR... HEAR ME OUT! JUST FIVE... NO, THREE MINUTES!
ONE MINUTE WILL DO!!
I KNOW THAT I'VE ALREADY
WASTED SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES WHERE YOU HEARD ME OUT!!
DON'T FALTER.
I KNOW THAT THIS IS WAY OVERDUE...
BUT I... WELL, UMM...
DAMN, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY?
THE WORDS WON'T COME OUT... NOT EVEN A SOUND...!!
STOP LOOKING FOR EXCUSES!

JUST DO IT! COME ON!!
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ASAHI... NO,
THAT'S NOT IT... SORRY, THAT'S NOT WHAT I... UH,
S-SINCE WE MET IN JUNIOR HIGH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE STRANGE, BUT...
ARGH, WHY AM I STARTING FROM SO LONG AGO?!
UH... SO THE THING IS...
I'VE AL-WAYS
I'VE ALWAYS WATCHED HIM!
I WATCHED HIM CLUMSILY STRUGGLE HIS WAY THROUGH EVERY-THING!
I...
I...
I WON'T LOSE TO HIM
THAT GUY IS SUCH A WUSS, YET
AT THE END HE MADE HIS OWN CHOICE AND TOOK A STEP FORWARD...

嘘のつけねぇあのアホにだけは!!
I LOVE YOU!! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!!
THE TRUTH IS, I... I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW!!
I WON'T LOSE TO THAT IDIOT WHO CAN'T EVEN TELL A LIE!!

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RIGHT NOW... ONE DAY...
ONE DAY, I'LL MAKE YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN ASAHI!
SO PLEASE, BE WITH ME...
SO PLEASE,
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!
W-
WAIT, EVERY DAY MIGHT BE A BIT TOO MUCH...
I'LL VISIT YOU EVERY DAY, WHEREVER YOU ARE!!

EVERY WEEK! HOW DOES THAT SOUND?!
O-OF COURSE, IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO, THEN I WON'T...
ANY-WAY!!
I JUST LOVE YOU THAT MUCH!!
GO OUT WITH ME...
PLEASE, GO OUT WITH ME!! I'M BEGGING YOU!!

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AHA-HAHA! HAHA-HAHA-HA!!
WHAT'S WITH THE "I'M BEGGING YOU, SO PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME"?!
AHA-HAHA! HAHA-HAHA-HA!!
U-uh, Mikan-chan?
OH, MY STOM-ACH, IT HURTS!!
AHA-HAHA-HAHA, HAHA-HA!!
WHAT? WHAT?! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU! EVEN YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING...
SO LAME!!
MIKAN-CHAN!! Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO LAUGH LIKE THAT!! I PUT MY EVERY-THING...
AH!
SORRY, SORRY. I JUST DIDN'T EXPECT THAT.

BUT YOU HAVE A POINT.
Nah...
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GOING TO SEE SOMEONE EVERY WEEK, IS IT.
WHAT THE HECK...
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D MAKE ME REALIZE THIS.
OH, AND THAT CONFESSION OF YOURS.
YOUR HAIR IS ALL MESSED UP, YOU'RE CRYING, AND YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING...
AHA-HAHA-HAHA, SO LAME!!
I-I TOLD YOU,
THAT WAS ME GIVING-...
BUT

COMPARED TO BEING A TRY-HARD SHOW-OFF,

YEAH, DON'T WORRY.
I UNDER-STOOD EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO SAY.
BUT SORRY, OKA-KUN. I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU.
I AL-WAYS...
BE-CAUSE I STILL LOVE ASAHI.
YOU ACTUALLY LOOKED A BIT COOL THIS TIME.

I AL-WAYS THOUGHT IT WAS IMPOS-SIBLE.
WELL, Y'KNOW...
I GUESS I'M IN NO PLACE TO BE TELLING OTHERS TO GIVE UP.
SO IF YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP, THEN DO AS YOU PLEASE!
I DON'T REALLY RECOM-MEND IT, THOUGH.
I THOUGHT THAT...
WHEN YOU KNOW THAT CONFESSING IS FUTILE, IT'LL ONLY HURT.

THIS IS ENOUGH.

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!
十分すぎる IT'S MORE THAN... ENOUGH.
…だよな
I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE YOU FALL FOR ME ONE DAY.

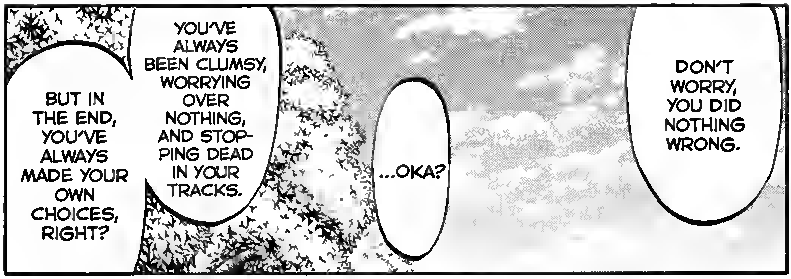
LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
IT ALL BEGINS NOW THAT I'VE BEEN DUMPED.
GEH!
YOU'RE GOING TO MOROBARE HIGH TOO?
WHAT, YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
OF COURSE I DO.
I HAVE GOOSEBUMPS JUST THINKING THAT I'LL HAVE TO SEE YOUR GLOOMY FACE FOR THREE MORE YEARS!
THAT BITCH... SHE REALLY MEANT THAT.
I'll get depressed!
WHY DO YOU ANTAGONIZE HIM SO MUCH, MIKAN?
...I'M RATHER HAPPY, YOU KNOW?
THAT WE'LL BE IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL.
AREN'T YOU?
I WISHED WE COULD ALL HANG OUT TOGETHER, EVEN IN OUR NEW SCHOOL.
...AND EVEN AFTER THAT.

AFTER WE GRADUATE, WE CAN...
ドガ
OUCH?!
HUH?! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
WITH A STRAIGHT FACE TO BOOT!
YOU'RE THE ONE GETTING ALL TOUCHY-FEELY.
YEP, THAT DESERVED A KICK AT THE VERY LEAST.
...HEY, ASAHI.
DID YOU REALIZE?
NEI-THER I, NOR MIKAN-CHAN
COULD SAY IT WITHOUT DYING OF EMBARRASS-MENT...

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, ALL THREE OF US
CHAPTER 150:
"KUROMINE ASAHI, OKADA KANADE AND AKEMI MIKAN"
WERE THINKING EXACTLY THE SAME.

'SUP, ASAHI.
GOOD MORNING.
OH, YEAH, GOOD MORNI...
.....
HUH?! WAIT, OKA?! IS THAT YOU?!
SORRY, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU FOR A SECOND!!
HEY, THAT'S HARSH... YOU'VE KNOWN ME FOR YEARS, HAVEN'T YOU?
SORRY, SORRY.
BUT THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE CUT YOUR HAIR LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
OH, WELL, I JUST HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.
BUT ANYWAY, ASAHI.

WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU JUST CAME BACK FROM A FUNERAL.
HUH?
OH... NO, IT'S NOTHING.
...GEEZ.
EASY TO READ AS ALWAYS.


DON'T WORRY, YOU DID NOTHING WRONG.
...OKA?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN CLUMSY, WORRYING OVER NOTHING, AND STOPPING DEAD IN YOUR TRACKS.
BUT IN THE END, YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE YOUR OWN CHOICES, RIGHT?

SO EVEN IF YOU FAIL SOMETIMES,
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WERE WRONG.
By pair of glasses.
OR...
SO I WAS TOLD.
...OKA.
A pair of glasses?
AH!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, ASAHI.

I CONFESSED TO MIKAN-CHAN YESTERDAY, BUT, Y'KNOW...
SHE MERCILESSLY SHOT ME DOWN.
OH, SO YOU DID, HUH...
...HM?
.....
WUT?
I TELL HER "I LOVE YOU", AND SHE BURSTS OUT LAUGHING.
THAT GIRL HASN'T EVEN HEARD OF TACT, I SWEAR.
AND TO TOP IT OFF, SHE HAD TO TELL ME HOW LAME I SOUNDED. WHO DOES THAT?
WAIT...
WAIT, A MINUTE!! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST FOR ME THERE!!
...THINKING BACK ON IT NOW...

IT WAS FROM THAT DAY ON
THAT I COMPLETELY STOPPED HEARING THOUGHTS
BUT THAT MAY BE BECAUSE
I TRIED TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF MY OWN HEART.
HUH... I... I HADN'T NOTICED.
I MEAN, I DID HAVE MY SUSPICIONS, BUT...
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE I DID MY BEST TO HIDE IT FROM YOU ESPECIALLY.
BUT WELL, Y'KNOW...
I THINK I CAN TELL YOU EVERYTHING NOW.

SO JUST KNOW THAT I LOVE MIKAN,
AND ALSO...
THAT I HAVE
NO INTENTION OF LOSING AGAINST Y-
OKYA'S NYEEE-EEEEE-EEEEE-EEEEE-EECK?!
WILL YOU SHUT UP ALREADY, GRUMPY GLASSES!!
OH! THANK GOD, HIS HEAD IS STILL ATTACHED!!
MIKAN, THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE!!
THEN YOU'RE JUST GRUMPY!!
HUH? YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR GLASSES?
TELLING HIM THAT IS A LOW BLOW!!
IT'LL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR ME IF HE HOLDS BACK BECAUSE OF YOU
...SORRY.

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT THAT I, TOO,
HE'LL WRACK HIS BRAIN, BUT HE'LL ALWAYS MAKE HIS OWN CHOICE IN THE END
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY.
THIS GUY CAN'T LIE TO SAVE HIS LIFE.
IF THAT'S HIS LAST TESTA-MENT, YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO THE EEEND!!
WOULD LISTEN TO MY OWN HEAR-
ARE YOU DONE GIVING YOUR LAST TESTA-MENT?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ASAHI...
WH..
I HOPE SHE DIDN'T HIT THE WRONG SPOT...
A... ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?!
THE BALL IS YOUR FRIEND, BUT YOUR FRIEND IS NOT A BALL, OKAY?!
AH, SORRY, SORRY.
BUT WHEN YOU SEE A BALL ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE KICKING IT?

I GOT AN EYEFUL OF MIKAN-CHAN'S PANTIES WHILE SHE KICKED ME...
I HAVE NO RE-GRETS...!!
That was nice...!!
What?!
Is she possessed...?
SHE DEFINITELY HIT THE WRONG SPOT...!!
HUH...? 'OKA'?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?! WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE SHIMA OR KIRYUUIN-KUN?
COME ON, ASAHI, DON'T THROW ME IN THE SAME BAG AS SHIMA-KOU...
I WOULDN'T JUST PICK ANYONE...
I WANT TO SEE MIKAN-CHAN'S PANTIES, AND ONLY HERS!!
OKA-AAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAAA-AAA!!

What the hell is he saying?
WAIT, THAT'S THE REAL SHIMA?!
OKA, YOU'RE EVEN SCARING THE REAL SHIMA!!
MIKAN-CHAN'S PANTIES ARE NO MERE PIECE OF CLOTH!!
CAN IT!! I'LL LIVE HONESTLY FROM NOW ON!!
OKA... OKA?! WE'RE ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL!!!
EVERY-ONE'S LOOKING AT US!!
NOT SO FAST, MIKAA-AAAAAA-AAAAAA-AAAAAA-AAAAAA-AAAAAA-AAAN!!
IT WAS WHITE!! WHITE AS SNOW-
AHHHH, DAMNIT, I SHOULD HAVE USED THE THERMOS FROM THE START!!
WAIT, MIKAN!!
OKAY... ONE LAST BLOW, JUST TO BE SURE... ♪
OKA'S HEAD IS NEITHER A BRAUN TUBE, NOR A BALL, NOR A NAIL EITHER...!!
NAH, DON'T PANIC.
THAT'S HOW WE FIX THE TV AT MY MOM'S PLACE.

I have to protect Oka's head!!
I SAID STOP!! YOU'RE GONNA BREAK HIM, NOT FIX HIM...
IN...
STEAD...
I- I SAID I WAS SORRY!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE APOLOGIZING FOR...
OH? AND WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
HM-? ABOUT WHAT-?
Sorry!! I just tripped and
...So-

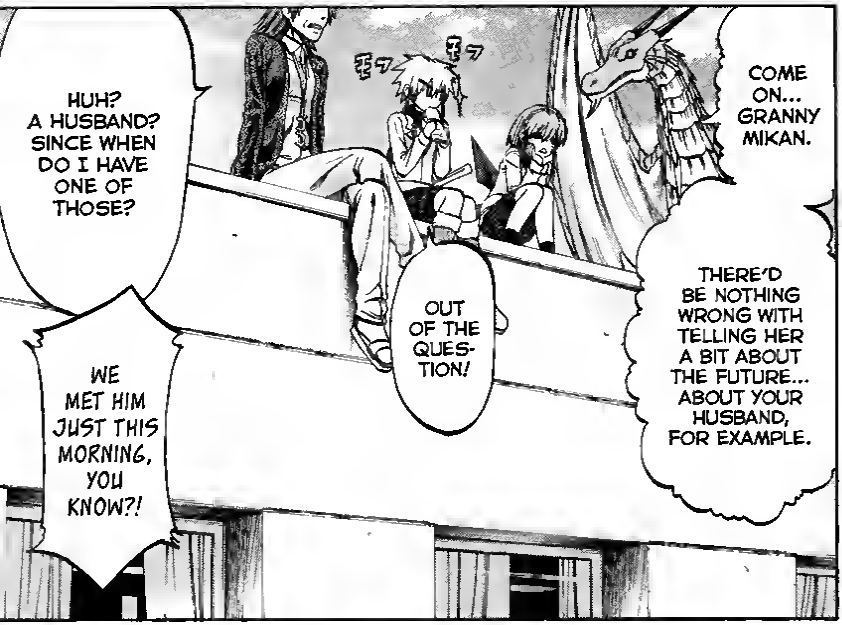
DON'T SCREW WITH ME, YOU DAMN ROMCOM MC!!
I, TOO... I, TOO WOULD LIKE TO NONCHALANTLY OPEN THE DOOR TO SEE MIKAN-CHAN IN THE MIDDLE OF CHANGING!!
I DON'T RE-MEMBER EVER DOING THAT!! LET'S MAKE THAT CLEAR!!
ERR... I'M SORRY...
I APOLO-GIZE!! REALLY!! SO...
DAMN YOU, ASAHI... MAKE NO MISTAKE, OKAY?
THE ONE WHO WANTS TO FONDLE MIKAN-CHAN'S BREASTS THE MOST...
IS NONE OTHER THAN ME!! IS THAT CLEAR?!
SHIMA'S EYES JUST DIIIII-IIIIIII-IIIED!!

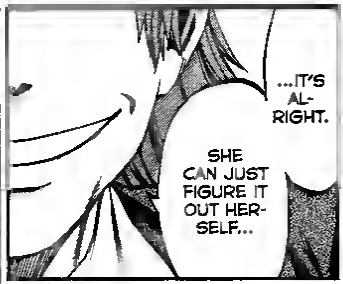
WHAT'S NEXT IN THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT PLAYBOOK?
MIKAN-CHAN!!
WHA-OKA?!
OH NO, I'M NOT DONE YET!!
ANYWAY, OKA!! YOU SHOULD STOP TALKING NOW...
I LOVE YOU!
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!
ARE YOU GONNA ASK ME OUT EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON?
HA-HA.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

I SURE AM.
SO WHAT?
THEN YOU CAN TRY ALL YOU WANT.
WELL,
TOO BAD FOR YOU, BUT I'LL HAVE CAUGHT ASAHI LONG BEFORE YOU CAN CATCH ME.
OH NO.
I'LL MAKE ASAHI BITE THE DUST BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.

え!?
GLARING AT ME WON'T CHANGE A THING, YOU KNOW?!

ERR, I MEAN...
I'M GOING OUT WITH YOUKO-SAN AND ALL...
OH!
IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE. WE GOTTA HURRY.
SURE.
COME ON, WE'RE GOING TO CLASS, ASAHI.
HUH? WHAT?! WERE YOU BOTH JUST PLAYING WITH ME?!


COME ON... GRANNY MIKAN.
THERE'D BE NOTHING WRONG WITH TELLING HER A BIT ABOUT THE FUTURE... ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND, FOR EXAMPLE.
OUT OF THE QUES-TION!
HUH? A HUSBAND? SINCE WHEN DO I HAVE ONE OF THOSE?
WE MET HIM JUST THIS MORNING, YOU KNOW?!

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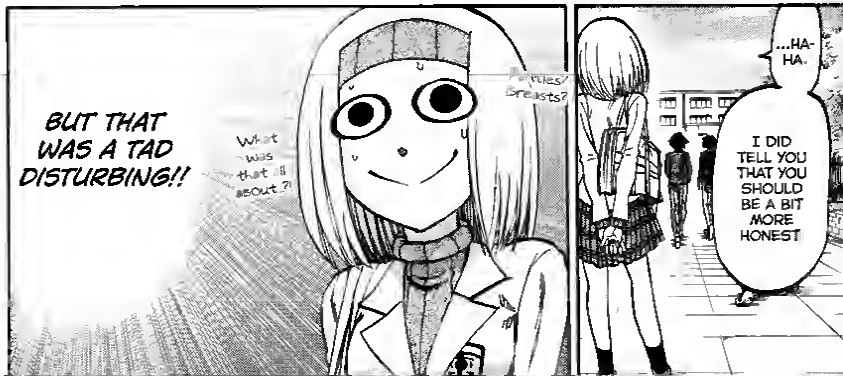
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING UP ON ASAHI
AND THAT CERTAIN SOMEONE WON'T GIVE UP ON ME.
THAT IMMATURITY SUITS US JUST FINE.
THAT'S HOW THE THREE OF US ARE.
BESIDES, THAT MAN MAY BE TRYING TO PLAY HUBBY
BUT HE'LL HAVE TO TRY A LOT HARDER THAN THAT.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I HADN'T NOTICED AT ALL!! BOTH HIS NAME AND PERSONALITY WERE JUST SO DIFFERENT...
HUH? DID YOU ALREADY KNOW, RIN-CHAN?
ERR... OF COURSE!!

I COULD NO LONGER HEAR THE THOUGHTS AROUND ME...
...DURING THAT FALL WHEN GRADUATION COULD BE FAINTLY SEEN IN THE DISTANCE...
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, WE WERE PROBABLY ALL THINKING THE SAME THING.
WE JUST DIDN'T SAY IT OUT LOUD, AFRAID TO DIE OF EMBARRASS-MENT.
EVEN IN 5 YEARS, EVEN IN 10 YEARS...
EVEN IF WE WALKED DIFFERENT PATHS AFTER GRADUATION...

EVEN
IN 50 YEARS...

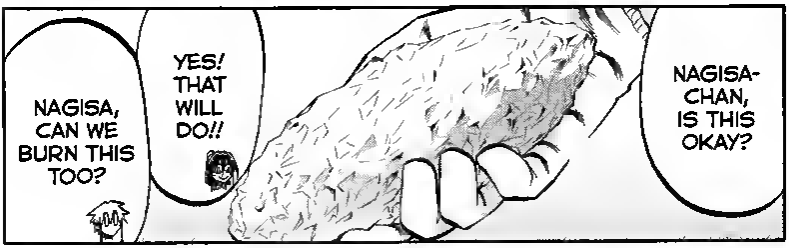

BUT THAT WAS A TAD DISTURBING!!
What was that about?!
Lies? Secrets?
...HA-HA.
I DID TELL YOU THAT YOU SHOULD BE A BIT MORE HONEST

LAST CHAPTER SUMMARY:
OKA HAS A FEW SCREWS LOOSE.
HM? FOR SOME REASON...
Potato~
I FEEL LIKE EATING SWEET POTATOES...?
IS YOUR PLANET ANY DIFFERENT FROM EARTH?
I OFTEN WONDER ABOUT THIS, BUT
Nice!
I USED TO EAT THEM ON MY WAY HOME FROM TRAINING.
OH, SWEET POTATOES.
THIS IS A STORY
OF A MEMORY WITH MY IRRE-PLACEABLE FRIENDS.
WHATCHU TALKING ABOUT~?
SOUNDS NICE!!
!
HOW ABOUT IT, YOUKO-KUN? SHALL WE BAKE SOME SWEET POTATOES AFTER SCHOOL TO-GETHER?

A STORY OF BRILLIANCE AMONG THE GOLDEN AUTUMN LEAVES!!
crackle
crackle
crackle
WELL, SHOULD WE BEGIN?
OUR AMAZING SWEET POTATO BAKING SESSION...!!
ALL I FEEL IS DREAD.
CHAPTER 151:
"LET'S BAKE SWEET POTATOES!"

CALM DOWN, KUROMINE. WE'RE JUST BAKING POTATOES, AREN'T WE?
W-WELL, YOUR CHOICE OF CLOTHING...
Aren't you cold?
What's up with those clothes?
WHAT ELSE WOULD WE BE DOING?
YEAH, WHY?
EH?! WE'RE ABOUT TO BAKE SWEET POTATOES, RIGHT...?!
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
SHIROGANE IS RISKING HER LIFE TO PUT UP A BARRIER AROUND US.
SHE WAS UP TO NO GOOD FROM THE BEGINNING!!
WHAT?! WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLANNING?!
EMBERS?
THE POINT IS TO BAKE THEM IN EMBERS, INSTEAD OF ON THE FIRE ITSELF.
HM... LET'S SEE.
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
NAGISA-CHAN, WE GATHERED SOME LEAVES!
PREZ!! DON'T DIE ON ME!!
Ugh Just a little more I must endure
COUNTING ON YOU!

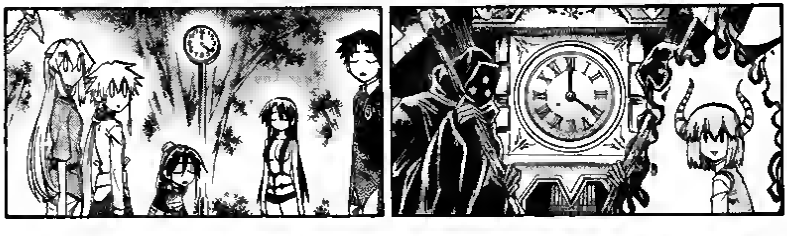
FIRST, WE MAKE A FIRE WITH THE LEAVES WITHOUT PUTTING THE POTATOES IN IT.
Will we be safe ?
EH? WE'RE NOT USING THE POTATOES?
NO, WE DON'T NEED TO YET.
RIGHT! WHILE THE FIRE'S BLAZING, START PACKING THE POTATOES IN TIN FOIL!!
OKAY!!

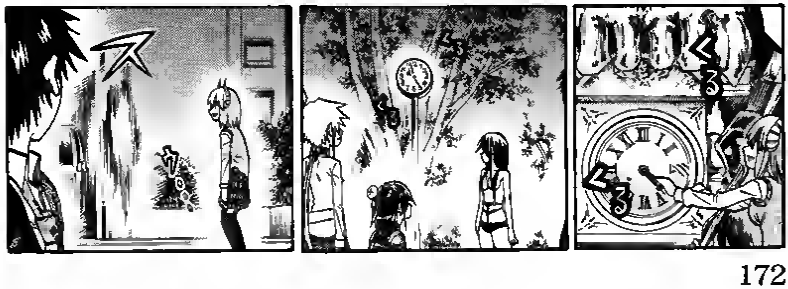

NAGISA-CHAN, IS THIS OKAY?
YES! THAT WILL DO!!
NAGISA, CAN WE BURN THIS TOO?

If Grandma finds this, she'll get really mad !!
DON'T BE AS CHILDISH AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER.
HOW TRUE, NAGISA-CHAN.
EVEN IF YOU TURN YOUR EYES AWAY FROM THE TRUTH, NOTHING WILL CHANGE.
CAN YOU SAY THAT AGAIN WITHOUT TURNING YOUR EYES AWAY?

HM?
OH, THEN IT'S ABOUT TIME.
NAGISA-CHAN?! ALL THE LEAVES TURNED INTO ASH!
EVEN IF YOU TURN YOUR EYES AWAY...
SHIHO, STAY QUIET!! WAIT-
YOUKO-SAN, WERE YOUR MIDTERM SCORES THAT LOW...?
W-WHO CARES ABOUT THAT? WHAT'S THE POTATO SITUATION?!
I SEE, SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS.
WE PUT THE POTATOES HERE, AND IN ABOUT AN HOUR, THEY'LL BE FINISHED!
WOW
AT THIS POINT, THE TEMP-ERATURE IN THE ASHES SHOULD BE 60°C.
THIS IS HOW YOU BAKE IN EMBERS.
HUH? THIS SEEMS A LOT MORE NORMAL THAN I EXPECTED.
WE MADE IT THIS FAR, NOW WE JUST WAIT...
JEFAN... FUNGAA... TENER-ANBURE...
grumble
grumble
FUFU, DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
THE HOUR YOU SPEND LOOKING FORWARD TO IT IS THE SECRET SPICE.
WHAT?!
AN HOUR?!
TOO LONG!!
MOO
potato

OH
FAH-
ME
DAH
MOR-
IEL





SHE SPED UP TIME?!
HEY, AIZAWA.
I THINK AN HOUR MIGHT HAVE PASSED ALREADY.
PRINCIPAL, DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WAS A GOOD!!
THAT TIME MACHINE SEEMS AWFULLY TWISTED FOR SOME REASON!
REALLY? I THINK IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
EH? TIME WHAT...? ASAHI-KUN, WHAT DID YOU...
AH!
W-WELL, TIME...
PREZ!!
STOP FOOLING AROUND AND CHECK ON THOSE POTATOES!!
S-SURE...

I'D SAY ABOUT 15 MINUTES PASSED...?
.....
SO TURN IT 3 MORE TIMES AGAIN, THAT'S 45 MINUTES...
AND ONE HOUR OVERALL, THAT'S IT!!
SO PREZ WILL BECOME THREE TIMES AS TWISTED AS SHE ALREADY WAS?!
AKANE-CHAN! THIS IS BAD, YOU HAVE TO STOP!
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE TIME WITH THE METEOR!!
YOU CAN'T JUST EXPECT ME TO NOT FREAK OUT ABOUT THIS!!
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TURN THOSE!!
Beep
Beep
Beep

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT LET'S BE PATIENT!
EH? WELL, I'M A PATIENT GIRL...
THIS HOUR OF WAITING WILL IMPROVE BOTH THE POTATOES AND OUR VERY SOULS...
EVERYONE'S GETTING A BIT TWISTED?!
WAIT, WHAT? CLASS REP, ARE YOU OKAY?! YOUR SCREW IS SCREWED UP! IT'S A SKEWER-SCREW NOW!...
HM? A SCREW IS A SCREW, WHETHER IT'S SCREWED OR NOT.
N-NO, I MEAN... THE SCREW GOT SCREWED AND IT'S SCREWY-SKEWERY...
whoa there
MM, WHAT'S ALL THIS TALK ABOUT SCREWING, KUROMINE-KUN?
SHIHO-SAN?! IS THAT YOU, SHIHO-SAN?!
HOW DOES IT LOOK, AIZAWA?
R-
RIGHT...

THE CORE STILL ISN'T DONE...
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AT LEAST WAIT UNTIL SHE SAYS HOW MUCH MORE TIME WE NEED!!
MM, I GUESS ANY MORE THAN THAT WOULD BE DANGER-OUS...
RIN-CHAN!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!
NO
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME!! YES...
BEFORE I GET TWISTED, I NEED TO TWIST MYSELF!!

BEFORE THE WORLD IS SCREWED FOR GOOD...
UP THE FIREPOWER AND FINISH THE POTATOES!!
I THINK WE'D HAVE TO START OVER IF YOU DID THAT!!
I had a contingency plan for this
NO WORRIES! THE POTATOES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED INTO MY UFO...!!
THAT VERY IDEA IS ALREADY A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT!
WASN'T THAT SHIP A TOP SECRET SORT OF THING?!


C-COME ON, PEOPLE ARE WATCHING! THIS IS A PARK!! AND WE'RE SUPPOSEDLY ONLY BAKING POTATOES!!
Not fair!!
AND WHY IS ASAHI-KUN THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T TWISTED?!
WAIT, YOU WANT ME TO SUFFER TOO?!

AT ANY RATE, IF I'M NOT TWISTED, THEN THAT'S THAT...
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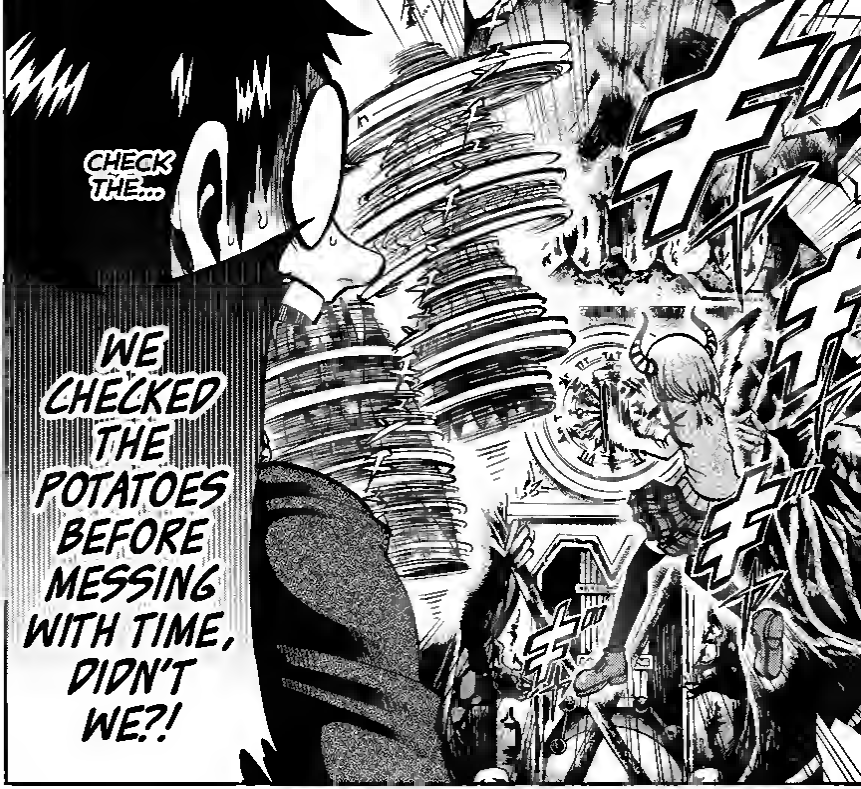
CHECK THE...
WE CHECKED THE POTATOES BEFORE MESSING WITH TIME, DIDN'T WE?!

CLASS REP, AREN'T THOSE POTATOES ABOUT DONE ALREADY?!
R-RIGHT!!
THEY SHOULD BE...

CLASS REP!!
NO, NOT EVEN CLOSE.

YOU'RE HANDLING IT LIKE A STEERING WHEEL IN A CAR CHASE!
NNGH!
NNGH!
NNGH!
AKANE-CHAN, DO SOMETHING!! ASAHI-KUN'LL TURN INTO A GIRL AT THIS RATE!!

ABOUT 5.. NO, 10 MORE MINUTES!!
CAN'T WE JUST WAIT THOSE 10 MINUTES OUT...?
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QUICKLY, AKANE-CHAN, BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD IS SCREWED!!
JUST A LITTLE... A LITTLE MORE!!
OKAY!! THIS IS IT!!
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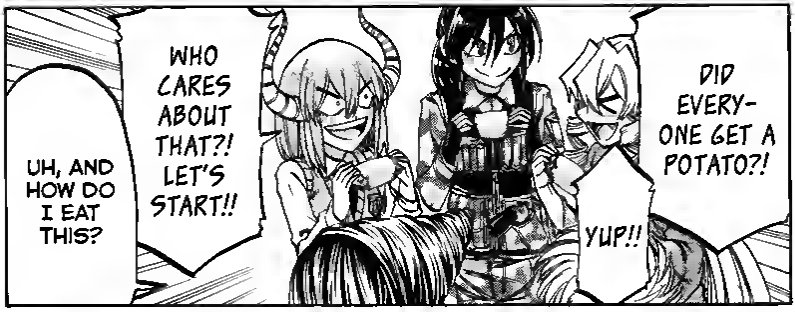
WE WILL NEVER FORGET.
WE WILL NEVER EXPERI-ENCE IT AGAIN.
AND WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO.
THAT DAY AMONG THE DANCING AUTUMN LEAVES

WHEN ALL OF US GOT TWISTED
THIS SCREWED U
WE DID IT!!
WE SOUGHT GOLDEN BRILLIANCE.



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WHAHH-IHTHIHH, IHHFHO-FHWEEH!
HAHAHA, STOP TALKING WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL, YOUKO.
BUT REALLY, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO EAT IT?
HOT!! BUT FHO YUMMY!!
OH, WHO WAS THAT? SOMEONE HAD TOO MANY...
WOW, EATING BAKED SWEET POTATOES IS SO NICE.
IT'S LIKE... LET'S SEE...

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THAT'S NOT IT.
WHAT I MEANT WAS... UH...
AWOO
AWOOOO
IT PUTS A SMILE ON EVERY-ONE'S FACE...
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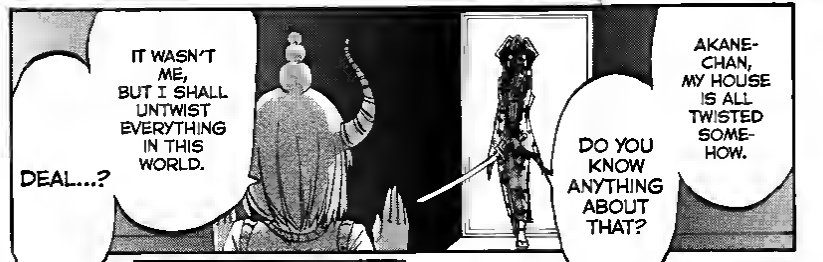
AKANE-CHAN, MY HOUSE IS ALL TWISTED SOME-HOW.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?
IT WASN'T ME, BUT I SHALL UNTWIST EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD.
DEAL...?

TO BE CONTINUED...

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『実は私は』と自分に関わって下さった
全ての方々、
今この本を手に取って下さっている貴方様に
感謝を込めて。

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After OkaMikan (1)

HM? YOU WENT BACK TO THE GLASSES?
'SUP, ASAHI.
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR STYLE?
WELL, Y'KNOW.
MIKAN-CHAN TOLD ME SHE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME, SO...
MORNIN', ASAHI!
HUH? WHO'S THAT?
SORRY, GLASSES OR NOT, I CARE SO LITTLE, I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
OH, IF IT AIN'T OKA.
WHY ARE YOU KICKING ME?!

After the Karaoke

LET US HANDLE THE KARAOKE, SHIRAGAMI-SAN!!
REALLY?!
THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEM IF IT'S INABA-SAN AND MATSUMOTO-SAN!!
JUST AFTER "MIRACLE SOUL", SAY "YEAH"...
MI-RA-CLE SOUL!!
Good going.
YEAH!!
THE CHOREOGRAPHY OF "HEART IN LOVE" GOES LIKE THIS...
LIKE THIS?
Hm..?
AND DURING "LAST SECOND KICK" YOU MAKE THE TOWEL TURN LIKE THIS...
WHEW, THE CONCERT WAS CRAZY AWESOME!!
That was fun!
WAIT! WHAT ABOUT THE KARAOKE?!

After OkaMikan (3)

STILL, TALK ABOUT A SURPRISE.
YOU, CONFESSING IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.
BUT YOU KNOW...
STRANGELY ENOUGH, I DON'T REGRET IT.
I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER, NOW THAT THE SECRET'S OUT...
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU.
...IT'S NOT SUCH A BAD FEELING,
LIVING EARNESTLY.
WITHOUT A CARE FOR WHAT PEOPLE MAY THI...
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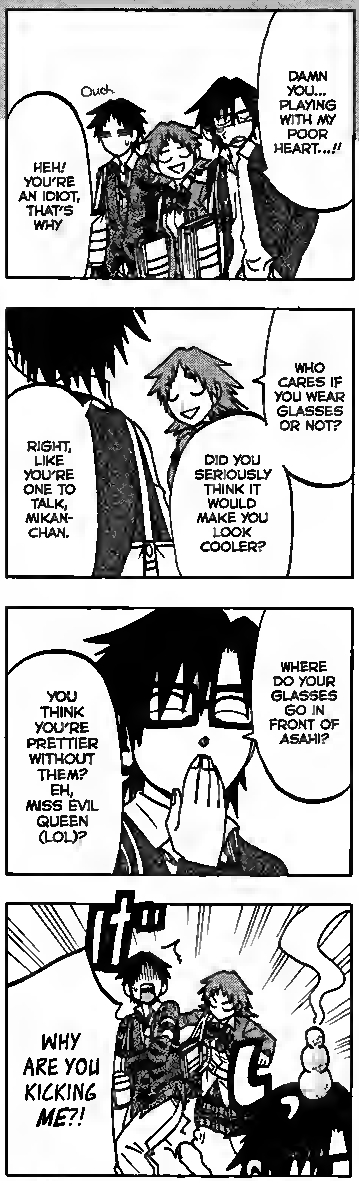
Turn the page!

After OkaMikan (2)


DAMN YOU... PLAYING WITH MY POOR HEART...!!
Ouch.
HEH! YOU'RE AN IDIOT, THAT'S WHY
WHO CARES IF YOU WEAR GLASSES OR NOT?
DID YOU SERIOUSLY THINK IT WOULD MAKE YOU LOOK COOLER?
RIGHT, LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, MIKAN-CHAN.
WHERE DO YOUR GLASSES GO IN FRONT OF ASAHI?
YOU THINK YOU'RE PRETTIER WITHOUT THEM? EH, MISS EVIL QUEEN (LOL)?
WHY ARE YOU KICKING ME?!

RAWS: SLV
PR: TSUNTSUN
QC: BEANSIE
TL: LYENDITH
TS: TARAGE
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After OkaMikan (4)

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SHŌNEN CHAMPION COMICS

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